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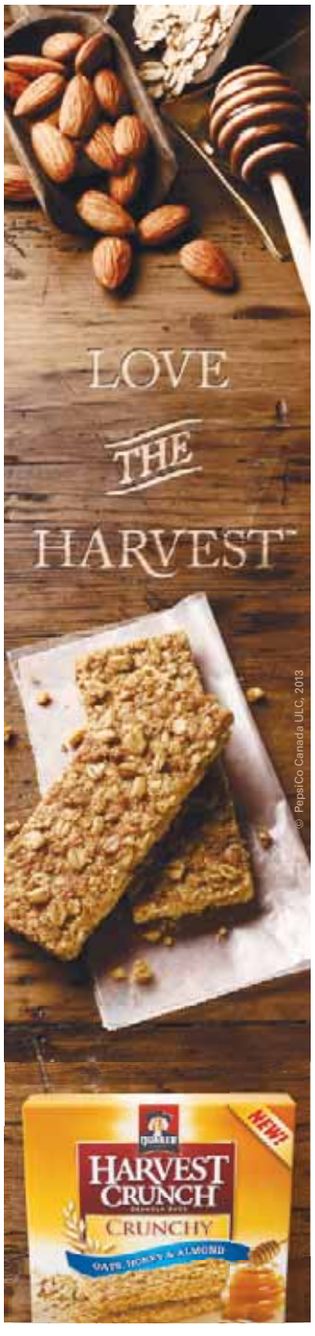

Game changer

Even if they lose, the Leafs' playoff bid after a long drought will reel in a new generation of fans, says HNIC host Elliotte Friedman PAGE 4

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Cops beaten over noise call: Trial

Party out of bounds. 'Aggression escalated' after noise complaint at 5 a.m. on a Sunday

A Toronto police officer says he was attacked by four men to the point where he feared for his life after he and his partner responded to a routine noise complaint.

Const. David Monteiro said in court on Wednesday that if the partiers, after turning down the music, had simply told the officers to leave and shut the door, they would have.

Tien-Dung Pham, 34, his brother Tien-Tan Pham, 31, Ngoc Pham, 29, and Tu Bui, 32, pleaded not guilty to assaulting a peace officer.

Monteiro told the court that he and Const. Kurt Bassett were called to an apartment at 12 Capreol Court, near Spadina and Front, shortly after 5 a.m. on a Sunday in March of last year. After the officers knocked, a man said: "Who … is knocking on my door. I'm going to knock them … out." Another man echoed the comment, he said.

Tien-Dung Pham partly opened the door, with Tien-Tan Pham just behind, Monteiro said. Both were aggressive, had their chests puffed out and appeared "hyper-alert," he said.

Tien-Dung Pham asked, "What … do you want," he said.

The officers relayed the noise complaint. Tien-Dung Pham stepped forward and "the aggression just escalated," Monteiro said.

The brothers each grabbed one of Monteiro's arms, causing him to lose his balance and cross the threshold, he said. What followed was an attack inside the apartment in several waves, he said. "You're overwhelmed with assailants."

He said he delivered several "closed-fist strikes" to "save my life, basically."

Monteiro tried to "tactically retreat," but the men kept coming until police reinforcements arrived, he said.

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"I don't understand why they attacked police officers responding to a noise complaint. It seemed to be a pack mentality."

Const. David Monteiro, testifying to Crown attorney Rebecca Edward

OH, LEAFS, OH!

Boston Bruin David Krejci scores the game-winning goal past the Leafs' James Reimer as Ryan O'Byrne looks on during Wednesday night's game at the ACC. More coverage, page 56.

NATHAN DENETTE/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Council wades into murky tax talks

Transit. Metrolinx and city agreed to wait until the fall to discuss new lines, but some councillors already earmarking money

City council's discussion of transit taxes had barely begun Wednesday before it was clear that councillors were already earmarking the money for transit lines.

The lines discussed ranged from the Scarborough RT and downtown relief subway line to a North York relief line.

City manager Joe Pennachetti said he knew those discussions were underway, even though staff would have preferred that councillors not discuss individual transit projects before the fall, after the provincial government has seen Metrolinx's recommendations for new tax tools.

He also warned that council would need a two-thirds majority to reopen discussion of replacing the SRT with a subway, rather than the planned LRT conversion.

The council meeting ended at 8 p.m., which meant the meeting will continue Thursday, a day longer than originally planned, to complete the transit debate.

Paying for public transit

"I don't want any taxes. We don't need any taxes. Enough money in government to pay for subways."
Mayor Rob Ford

Some Scarborough councillors have made tying new transit taxes to a Scarborough subway a key condition for endorsing revenue tools.

Metrolinx says the region needs to raise $2 billion a year just to build its Big Move regional transportation plan.

City staff is recommending that council endorse a gasoline tax, sales tax, development charges and a $1-a-day commercial parking levy as the first revenue tools.

Those are the taxes Pennachetti said were fairest, given that the tax plan can't unfairly punish drivers, who in many parts of the city simply don't have enough public transit alternatives to leave their cars at home.

Metrolinx and the city have agreed they would wait until the fall to discuss how to pay for the operating costs of new lines, Pennachetti said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Markham ranks as Canada's most diverse community

Jacqueline and Jim Wong have lived in Markham for 14 years and seen significant changes in the demographics. Markham is now Canada's most diverse community with the highest proportion of visible minorities, says StatsCan's National Household Survey. A total of 72.3 per cent are visible minorities. People from China make up the bulk of the community at 52.9 per cent. DEBRA BLACK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dog-doo dilemma

City turns down dog owners' request for bins

Ed Wugalter and his dog. JESSICA MCDIARMID/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

There's a dog-doo dilemma in High Park's off-leash area.

Some dog owners want the city to put bins inside the enclosure at the west-end park to make it easier to dispose of picked-up poop. They even offered to bring the bins out so city staff needn't enter the off-leash area.

Ed Wugalter, a regular at the off-leash area, said he's been phoning, emailing and cajoling for close to a year to no avail. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Accountability

More budget requests from Ontario NDP

Ontario's New Democrats are making yet another budget demand of the minority Liberal government and say there will be more to come.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath wants the government to create a financial accountability office modelled on the Parliamentary Budget Office in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BELEAF IT OR NOT: SIGN BACKLASH BRINGS PLAYOFF RIVALS CLOSER

A fan was spotted holding this sign outside of the ACC Monday before Game 3 between the Leafs and Bruins. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Boston sports writer thanks Leafs fans

Amid the heated playoff series between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Boston Bruins, one Toronto fan's ill-conceived sign sparked a furor during Monday's Game 3.

The fan's sign read "Toronto Stronger" — a play on the "Boston Strong" campaign that Bostonians rallied around after the Boston Marathon bombings.

Almost immediately after the photo hit social media, reaction from citizens of both cities was fierce. Many felt the sign went too far, with some calling it "disrespectful" and "embarrassing."

Now, one Boston sports columnist is thanking Toronto fans for their support — a surprise move during a heated playoff rivalry.

In his column Wednesday, Boston Herald columnist Steve Buckley applauded Leaf fans for denouncing the sign and sticking up for a city on the mend.

"Yep, give it up for Leafs yahoos from Ontario and beyond, bless their hearts," Buckley writes. "It's fans of the Maple Leafs who are showing the world what sports decorum is all about." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'It's about time' for Leafs Fandemonium: HNIC host

FANDEMONIUM: LEAFS VS. BOSTON

Rekindling the fire. Elliotte Friedman says no matter how far the Buds go, just having the team in the playoffs is a game-changer

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Hockey Night in Canada host Elliotte Friedman is a man without a team — he's an unbiased observer — but he does know a little about "fandemonium."

"Your city is just a little bit more enjoyable when your hockey team is good. It's about time Toronto fans had this," he says at the CBC's downtown Toronto office, a couple of hours before he's scheduled go on air for the HNIC pre-game show and the Leafs-Bruins game.

He grew up a Blackhawks fan, not a Leafs fan, but in the late '90s and early 2000s, when the Leafs were good, he was caught up in the excitement, he says.

Today, he sees the city's passion for the team and believes it's as strong as it was in those days.

"They needed this badly because I think they're in danger of losing a generation of fans," he says. "If you lose a generation they'll become Sidney Crosby fans or something else."

The hero of this generation — the guy the kids worship — is Nazem Kadri, who Friedman says has whatever that elusive quality is that makes a great hockey player also a star.

"He's talented. He's not shy, he's confident," he says, adding Kadri serves as a face of multicultural Toronto and appeals to all groups of people.

Sometimes the fandemonium goes too far — like with the guy who held up a "Toronto Stronger" sign, appropriating the "Boston Strong" slogan that the Bruins' city is rallying around in the wake of the marathon bombing.

"That was one idiot and it should never have made the big screen," Friedman says, adding that in a city with millions of people, "I would bet you couldn't find another person in Toronto who thought that was a good idea."

Friedman predicts Boston will take the series in six — because of the Bruins' experience, depth and Zdeno Chara — but says just having the Leafs in the playoffs has changed things.

"If they lose this series, will they be disappointed? Yes. But they'll look at this season and say, 'We're back.'"

The Bruins' depth is hurting the Leafs — "If you can put Jaromir Jagr on your third line, it's good," he says — and Boston has a wealth of experience that the Leafs can't match right now.

Of all the matchups the Leafs could have had for Round 1, this was probably the worst, he says.

"Toronto did so well this year because they intimidated other teams, but you can't intimidate the Boston Bruins."

The Leafs are more competitive now than they were last year and are no longer folding when thing go wrong, he says. "They're a tougher team. It isn't only about the fights, it's about when the puck goes into the corner and there's two guys — who comes out with it? They're better at that now."

Kadri, along with Joffrey Lupul and Phil Kessel, bring talent. "They can score," he says.

Despite having no allegiance to any team, Friedman says one of his strengths as a broadcaster is his passion — for doing his show, in the playoffs, and being at the rinks with all of the fans, whomever they may be.

Finding hometown heroes

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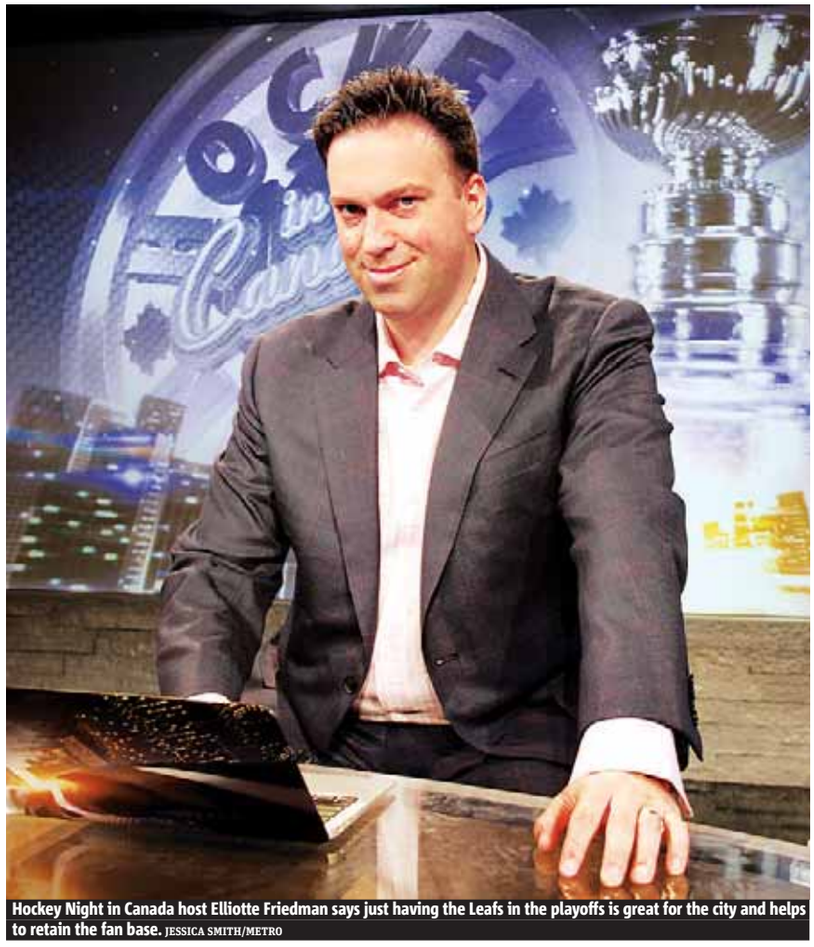

Hockey Night in Canada host Elliotte Friedman says just having the Leafs in the playoffs is great for the city and helps to retain the fan base. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Getting the inside scoop

From left, P.J. Stock, Elliotte Friedman, Glenn Healy, Ron MacLean and Kevin Weekes on the set of Hockey Night in Canada. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Friedman dishes on developing sources

Elliotte Friedman says he grew up doing play-by-play in front of his TV, annoying his entire family.

"My mom would yell at my dad: 'Send him to bed already, I'm getting a headache,'" he says. "All I ever wanted to do was do this, so I'm very lucky."

Doing his job well means getting the inside scoop, which means getting sources. He's found them by putting in "face time" with the people in the know until eventually they began talking to him, he says.

Then, he sorts the false rumours from the true.

"It's not easy," he says. "Because sometimes, out of necessity, people need to lie to us."

Even when a source is denying a rumour that turns out later to be true there are clues. Friedman says he's learned to divine the "hidden messages" in the way sources answer questions and learned whom he can trust.

Friedman also says it's "interesting" to work with Don Cherry and he's constantly surprised at the huge reach the star of HNIC has with fans who love him from far and wide. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

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Principals need a sex-ed lesson: TDSB

Graphic brochures.
School leaders should know what's going on in classes, board says

Toronto principals will be reminded of their responsibilities after sexually explicit brochures went unnoticed on the bulletin board of an elementary classroom for months, says the chair of the Toronto District School Board.

An occasional teacher with the Toronto District School Board is now under investigation after posting the materials — that are meant for gay men and provide graphic information about oral sex — for Grade 7 and 8 students.

Board Chair Chris Bolton met with Delta Senior Alternative School parents Wednesday night "to hear from them and tell them what we know, and to get suggestions for moving forward," he said in an interview.

As well, he added, the board "needs to be a little clearer with administrators about approving" materials displayed in classrooms, as well as board policies.

Bolton said local superintendents may be the ones "to remind about protocols," including that "regular surveys of the school building" are required.

As curriculum leaders in schools, principals should be going into classrooms on a regular basis as is, he added.

Education MPP

The incident caught the attention of Ontario's education minister Liz Sandals, who called it "of great concern," saying the materials "are totally inappropriate and are in no way connected" to the province's curriculum.

The teacher in question is on paid leave while the board investigates.

Principal Marc Mullan told parents in a letter sent home Tuesday that "the material was taken down immediately" after he learned of it last Friday.

Delta school has 63 students. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lawyers run with shoes, not mouths

Jamie Scarlett, with legs in the air, and Jim Bunting ham for the camera on Tuesday in Toronto. Scarlett, a lawyer at Torys LLP, is the top fundraiser for Camp Oochigeas, while Bunting, lawyer at rival firm Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, is the one who started the industry challenge where the firms, usually on the opposite sides of the table, compete on the road in a 10 kilometre race and fundraiser for the camp for kids with cancer. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police raids

3 arrests made in armed robbery

A man employed by a Toronto security company helped three others plan a violent armed robbery at the facility that led to the beating of one of his co-workers, police said Wednesday in announcing several arrests in the case. Toronto police Staff Insp. Mike Earl said three suspects have been arrested in the April 14 hold-up at INKAS Security Services.
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Canada-wide warrant

Wanted youth may be in Toronto

Winnipeg police have obtained a court order authorizing the release of the name and picture of a 17-year-old male suspect, Anthony McClements, wanted in connection to the shooting death of a man last month. Police believe he may have fled to Toronto, Calgary, Red Deer or Vancouver. METRO

Anthony McClements

Saddle up socialites

A charitable day at the races

Best Buddies Canada will celebrate the seventh annual "Best Buddies Thrill of Ascot" on June 8 from noon to 5 p.m. at Woodbine Racetrack. Best Buddies' homage to Royal Ascot brings Toronto socialites together for a day at the races. FASHION Magazine Editor-in-Chief Bernadette Morra is honorary chair of the event. For more info go to bestbuddies.ca.
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Appeals court upholds Berlusconi conviction

Italy. PM has been convicted in other cases but they've been overturned on appeal or seen statute of limitations run out

Former Premier Silvio Berlusconi's tax fraud conviction and four-year prison sentence were upheld on the first appeal Wednesday in a case that could see him barred from public office for five years.

In Italy, defendants are legally considered innocent until all appeals are exhausted, and Berlusconi's lawyers are expected to appeal the case to the nation's highest Court of Cassation.

Still, the ruling, which comes just days before prosecutors wrap up closing arguments in his sensational sex-for-hire trial, raises the question of whether Berlusconi's days as a political force are numbered.

Although Berlusconi holds no governmental posts he remains influential. It was his decision to head the centre-right coalition that gave a boost to his forces in February's election, finishing a close second to the centre-left.

"My opinion is that a personality who had such a relevant role in Italy for 20 years — absolutely controversial, evidently, but relevant — cannot be eliminated by judicial means, but by political means," Stefano Folli, a political commentator said on La7 private TV.

The 5 Star Movement party is pressing to apply the judicial ban on public office immediately. Italian media reported that cheers went up in a party meeting when the verdict was announced.

Even if the sentence is confirmed, it is unlikely Berlusconi would serve time for the tax-fraud case because a furlough would likely be applied. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Better spray than sorry

South Korean soldiers spray down a firefighter dressed in protective gear to wash away mock biochemical materials used during an anti-biochemical drill as part of annual drills called Safe Korea Exercise in Seoul on Wednesday. More than 8,400 people from various government offices participated in the drill, including the Seoul Metropolitan government, police, the health ministry and military troops.

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Boycott movement

Stephen Hawking won't attend Israeli conference

British physicist Stephen Hawking — one of the world's most famous scientists — has dropped plans to attend a major international conference in Israel in June, citing his belief that he should respect a Palestinian call to boycott contacts with Israeli academics.

The boycott is meant to protest Israel's treatment of Palestinians and to bring pressure on the Israeli government.

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Death-defying

Woman survives after harpoon hits cervical spine

A 28-year-old woman miraculously survived after her husband accidentally shot her in the mouth with a harpoon. The Rio de Janeiro State Health Department said in a statement the woman's husband was cleaning his spear gun when it fired a harpoon that hit her cervical spine.

The statement quotes the neurosurgeon as saying the harpoon came within 1 centimetre of killing the woman. He expects a full recovery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"A casino in Toronto's downtown area (C1 zone) is not required or important for revitalizing this area or fundamental to sustain what is perceived to be one of the most successful downtowns in North America." *City Manager Report, April 5, 2013, page 33*

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"Over the last five years, Toronto region's thriving economy, totalling over 3 million jobs, has created over 3,000 net new jobs per month and according to the Conference Board of Canada will create over 300,000 jobs in the next five years." *Peter Norman, Chief Economist, Altus Group, April 24, 2013*

"Where some North American cities, like Detroit, Cleveland and Baltimore, have embraced casinos as a strategy to assist in revitalizing their languishing downtown areas and to stimulate economic development and recovery, this is not required in Toronto's downtown area." *City Manager Report, April 5, 2013, Appendix B, page 8*

Casinos do not belong in neighbourhoods.

"Toronto's downtown area is a healthy, vibrant and cosmopolitan area supporting the City's fastest growing neighbourhoods and is home to one third of Toronto's jobs ... In this context, it is City Planning's opinion that a new casino is not an essential land use in Toronto's downtown area." *City Manager Report, April 5, 2013, Appendix B, pp. 7-8*

Casinos destroy neighbourhoods, businesses and property values.

"A casino ... would dominate and destabilize the character of surrounding areas ... take away from the physical character and retail vitality of its surroundings instead of coexisting and strengthening its neighbours." *City Manager Report, April 5, 2013, page 33*

OLG's economic track record for resort casinos is lost jobs, declining revenues and decreasing attendance.

"Over the past ten years ... Gaming Revenue from the OLG Resort Casinos has gradually declined ... a cumulative 24% over the period." *City of Toronto: Potential Commercial Casino in Toronto, Ernst & Young, October 26, 2012, page 22*

We don't trust OLG proposals and neither should you.

"OLG is not a city-builder nor concerned with the quality of life of our people and neighbourhoods. Its mandate is to generate gambling revenues." *Dori J. Segal, President and CEO, First Capital Realty, Deputation at Executive Committee, April 16, 2013*

Huge risk for chance of small return.

"The City predicts some 4,770 jobs lost due to the massive disruption of a casino to existing businesses. In their optimistic forecast, they estimate a net 0.2% contribution to the Toronto region's $300 billion economy – a small gain for a big risky bet in bringing a casino to the downtown Toronto area." *Peter Norman, Chief Economist, Altus Group, April 24, 2013*

Let's not give away our downtown area and waterfront for *this*!

"Casinos are the last refuge of incompetent city management. Toronto should shun them. For those who must have an outlet for throwing money away, there is always a cheap flight to the flashy city in the desert next to Death Valley ... Where else could the Rat Pack flourish?" *Rex Murphy, National Post, April 27, 2013*

OLG Chairman says not in my neighbourhood.

"You see the polls that are taken that ask people, 'Are you opposed to a casino in your neighbourhood?' like one newspaper did. And a lot of people say 'No, not in my neighbourhood.' And I gotta tell you, I wouldn't want it in my neighbourhood." *Paul Godfrey, Chairman OLG, National Post, January 8, 2013*

Majority of Torontonians oppose a casino.

Public feedback shows 71.3% of Torontonians oppose a new casino. *City Manager Report, April 5, 2013, page 71*

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Man charged in decade-long kidnapping, rape of women

Cleveland, Ohio.
No evidence his brothers were involved, police say

A Cleveland man arrested after three women missing for a decade were found alive at his run-down home was charged Wednesday with kidnapping and raping them. Prosecutors brought no charges against his brothers, saying there was no evidence they had any part in the crime.

Ariel Castro, 52, was charged with four counts of kidnapping — covering all three captives and the daughter born to one of them while she was held — and three counts of rape against the three women.

The former school bus driver owns the home where the women were rescued on Monday, after one of them broke through a screen door.

Police said that they were apparently bound with ropes and chains, and a city councilman briefed on the case, Brian Cummins, said they suffered miscarriages.

Deputy Police Chief Ed Tomba said the women could remember being outside only twice during their captivity.

And their first opportunity to escape didn't come until Monday, he said. The women were not kept in the same room but knew they were not alone, he said.

Earlier in the day, former captives Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus were welcomed home by jubilant crowds of loved ones and neighbours with balloons and banners.

The third captive, Michelle Knight, 32, was reported in good condition at Metro Health Medical Center.

Neighbours said that Ariel Castro took part in the search for one of the missing women, helped pass out fliers, performed music at a fundraiser for her and attended a candlelight vigil, where he comforted her mother. As recently as 2005, Castro was accused of repeated acts of violence against his children's mother.

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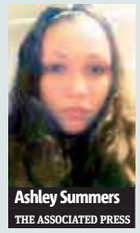
Neighbours and friends of Amanda Berry clap as she arrives at her sister's home on Wednesday in Cleveland. Inset: Ariel Castro, the former bus driver charged with the crime. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Similarities'

A fourth girl?



Ashley Summers
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A fourth woman could be connected to the shocking case, the FBI confirms.

Ashley Summers disappeared at age 14 from the same area where the others were abducted.

Knight was abducted in 2002, Berry in 2003 and DeJesus in 2004.

Summers was last seen on July 9, 2007.

FBI spokesperson Vicki Anderson said the disappearance has "similarities" that the FBI is investigating.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Package had makings of a bomb: Ottawa police

Police are looking for witnesses in relation to the suspicious package. METRO

A suspicious package found in the lobby of the Ottawa offices of the Department of National Defence Tuesday evening had the hallmarks of an improvised explosive device, police say.

"An X-ray was done of the package," said Insp. Mike Maloney. He said the package had a power source and a timing device but no explosive material. He also said there was "never any danger to the public."

"All the material was there, but that doesn't mean it was a bomb," said Maloney.

Even if the device was not found to be an explosive, Maloney said there's still the potential to lay public mischief charges given the disruption to the public.

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Utah soccer game

Teen charged with homicide by assault in one-punch killing

A Utah teen accused of punching a soccer referee who later died was charged Wednesday with homicide by assault, a count issued when an attack unintentionally causes death.

Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill also said he will seek to try the teen as an adult in the death of 46-year-old Ricardo Portillo.

The charge is less serious than manslaughter. It carries a sentence of up to five years in prison for adults.

Portillo called a penalty on the teen for pushing. Charging documents show witnesses said the teenager threw one punch, hitting Portillo in the rear jaw area.

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Jodi Arias convicted of first-degree murder in death of ex-boyfriend

Show is over, folks. Trial gained worldwide attention due to soap-opera dramatics, with at least one court regular selling spot for $200

Jodi Arias was convicted of first-degree murder Wednesday in the gruesome killing of her one-time boyfriend in Arizona after a four-month trial that captured headlines with lurid tales of sex, lies, religion and a salacious relationship that ended in a blood bath.

Arias fought back tears, and family members of the victim wept and hugged each other as the verdict was announced in the hushed, packed courtroom.

Outside, a huge crowd that had gathered on the courthouse steps screamed, whistled and cheered the news in a case that has attracted fans from across the country who travelled to Phoenix to be close to the proceedings. Some chanted "USA, USA, USA!"

The jury of eight men and four women took about 15 hours to reach its verdict after four months of testimony, including 18 days on the witness stand by the 32-year-old Arias, a small-town waitress. The jury will return to the courtroom Thursday to begin the next phase of the trial that could set the stage for her being sentenced to death.

Arias was charged with first-degree murder in the June 2008 death of Travis Alexander in his suburban Phoenix home. Authorities said she planned the attack in a jealous rage after being rejected by the victim while he pursued other women. Arias initially denied involvement then later blamed the killing on masked intruders. Two years after her arrest, she said it was self-defence.

In this May 1 photo, Jodi Arias sits in court in Phoenix. It has become a real-life soap opera for people around the world and dozens of fanatics who camp out on a Phoenix sidewalk to get in. THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The trial quickly snowballed into a made-for-the-tabloids drama, garnering daily coverage from cable news networks and spawning a virtual cottage industry for talk shows, legal experts and even Arias, who used her notoriety to sell artwork she made in jail.

Arias spent 18 days on the witness stand describing an abusive childhood, cheating boyfriends, dead-end jobs, a shocking sexual relationship with Alexander, and her contention that he had grown physically abusive.

Jurors deliberated for two full days before reaching a decision Wednesday morning.

The trial will move into a phase during which prosecutors will argue the killing was committed in an especially cruel, heinous and depraved manner, called the "aggravation" phase. If the jury agrees, another phase will determine whether she should get the death penalty.

A mob of spectators, TV crews, media trucks and reporters lined nearby streets.

Alexander suffered nearly 30 knife wounds, was shot in the forehead and had his throat slit before Arias dragged his body into his shower. He was found by friends about five days later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and former NBA star Dennis Rodman watch North Korean and U.S. players in an exhibition basketball game in Pyongyang in February. VICE MEDIA/JASON MOJICA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

N.Korea. 'Do me a solid' Kim, ex-NBA star tweets

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman is tapping his friendship with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to ask for the release of a Korean-American man sentenced to 15 years of hard labour in the North.

"I'm calling on the Supreme Leader of North Korea, or as I call him, 'Kim,' to do me a solid and cut Kenneth Bae loose," Rodman said on Twitter. He called the tweet a direct response to a Seattle Times editorial that dared him to ask Kim for the release if the two really are buddies.

Rodman visited North Korea in February and sat next to Kim as they watched an exhibition basketball game. His trip was not endorsed by the U.S. State Department. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Authorities say Tim Lambesis of As I Lay Dying — seen here performing with the Grammy-nominated heavy-metal band at the Revolver Golden Gods Awards in Los Angeles in 2010 — was arrested Tuesday in Southern California after allegedly trying to hire an undercover detective to kill his estranged wife. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Metal band's frontman held in alleged plot to have wife killed

Nothing Left. Single from As I Lay Dying's album An Ocean Between Us nominated for Grammy for top metal performance

The lead singer of Grammy-nominated heavy-metal band As I Lay Dying was in jail Wednesday in Southern California on suspicion he tried to hire an undercover detective to kill his estranged wife.

Tim Lambesis, 32, was stopped late Tuesday by police while shopping in Oceanside, four days after detectives received information that the band's frontman had solicited someone to kill his wife, who lives in the nearby beach town of Encinitas, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department said.

As I Lay Dying formed in San Diego in 2000 and has released six albums, including 2007's An Ocean Between Us, which reached No. 8 on the Billboard charts. Their last album, Awakened, came out in September on Metal Blade Records.

The band, which plays in an aggressive style that features metal guitar riffs at the furious pace of hardcore punk, was scheduled to tour the United States with several other metal acts starting later this month.

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Bottom feeder?

- Lambesis recently raised more than $78,000 US from fans to fund his side project, Austrian Death Machine, a metal band mocking the film work of Arnold Schwarzenegger, according to the Los Angeles Times.
- The top prize was to have the winner's initials tattooed on Lambesis' buttocks.

Aristide makes rare public appearance

Haiti. Former president testifies in court case as large crowds gather in the streets

Former Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide made a rare public appearance Wednesday and thousands of supporters shadowed the ex-leader's motorcade following a court hearing.

The two-time president showed up at a courthouse in downtown Port-au-Prince with a delegation of longtime allies to testify before a judge investigating the slaying of one of the Caribbean country's most prominent journalists. The hearing was closed to the public.

Aristide waved to a small group of onlookers outside the court before his session with an investigative magistrate to answer questions about the April 2000 killing of radio journalist Jean Dominique. Former president Rene Preval answered questions in the case early this year. Both men were friends of Dominique.

Crowds gathered to get a glimpse of Aristide as his car passed through a series of neighbourhoods, and he even stood atop his vehicle in the shantytown of Bel-Air and waved to supporters.

Haitian police had banned street protests both supporting and opposing Aristide but despite the order, thousands of Aristide supporters spilled into downtown Port-au-Prince and followed his Land Cruiser, which sported a pair of Haitian flags. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police officer guards the vehicle of Haiti's former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide Wednesday in Port-Au-Prince. DIEU NALIO CHERY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crime spree. Barefoot Bandit pleads guilty to burglaries in U.S.

Colton Harris-Moore stands with his attorney John Henry Browne in a Mount Vernon, Wash. courtroom on Wednesday. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The young man known as the "Barefoot Bandit'' pleaded guilty to burglary Wednesday, perhaps closing the lengthy saga involving a run from the law in stolen cars, boats and airplanes.

Colton Harris-Moore, 22, acknowledged breaking into a small airport in Washington state in 2010 where he stole a plane during a two-year fugitive chase that ended in the Bahamas.

The guilty plea won't change the time Harris-Moore will spend in prison. As part of a plea deal with the Skagit County prosecutor, he was sentenced to three months he has already spent in jail.

Harris-Moore pleaded guilty last year to theft in connection with the 2010 Anacortes Airport break-in as part of a bigger plea deal that resulted in a seven-year prison sentence, wrapping state and federal charges.

Superior Court Judge Michael Rickert acknowledged Harris-Moore's difficult childhood and lack of parental support that led him to start breaking into cabins and stores as a teenager and that ended with dozens of felony convictions

"This is the high cost of low living,'' the judge said.

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His last feat?

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Judge Michael Rickert reacts to Wednesday's sentencing of the Barefoot Bandit.

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This did not solve her problems. Instead, matters escalated. Nova, 41, of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, complained to her superiors about constant anti-Muslim slurs and jokes. She says they responded with a series of reprisals intended to drive her out of the army, leading her to consider suicide.

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Congo

Troops fleeing M23 rebels raped girls, women: UN

Congolese troops fleeing the M23 rebels last November raped at least 97 women and 33 girls, some as young as six, a UN report released Wednesday said.

The report covered "mass rape, killings, and arbitrary executions and violations resulting from widespread looting," UN spokesman Martin Nesirky told reporters.

A report by the UN Joint Human Rights Office said most of the rapes took place on Nov. 22 and 23 in the eastern Congo town of Minova.

The report states: "One or two of the soldiers would leave with the looted goods and at least one would stand guard as the remaining (Congolese) soldiers raped women and girls in the house."

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In this March 2013 file photo, a South Korean protester plays the role of Japan's prime minister during a rally demanding full compensation and apology from the Japanese government for wartime sex slaves. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sex slavery during WWII possible: Japan

Backtracking. Past denial of proof troops forced women into sexual slavery was based on limited study, says parliament

Japan has acknowledged that it conducted only a limited investigation before claiming there was no official evidence that its imperial troops coerced Asian women into sexual slavery before and during the Second World War.

A parliamentary statement signed Tuesday by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe acknowledged the government had a set of documents produced by a postwar international military tribunal containing testimony by Japanese soldiers about abducting Chinese women as military sex slaves. That evidence apparently was not included in Japan's only investigation of the issue, in 1991 to 1993.

Tuesday's parliamentary statement also said documents showing forcible sex slavery may still exist. The statement did not say whether the government plans to consider the documents as evidence showing that troops had coerced women into sexual slavery.

Over the past two days, top officials of Abe's conservative government have appeared to soften their stance on Japan's past apologies to neighbouring countries for wartime atrocities committed by the Imperial Army, saying Japan does not plan to revise them.

The backtracking appears intended to allay criticisms of Abe's earlier vows to revise the apologies, including an acknowledgment of sexual slavery during the war, and calm tensions with neighbours South Korea and China. The U.S. government also has raised concerns about Abe's nationalist agenda.

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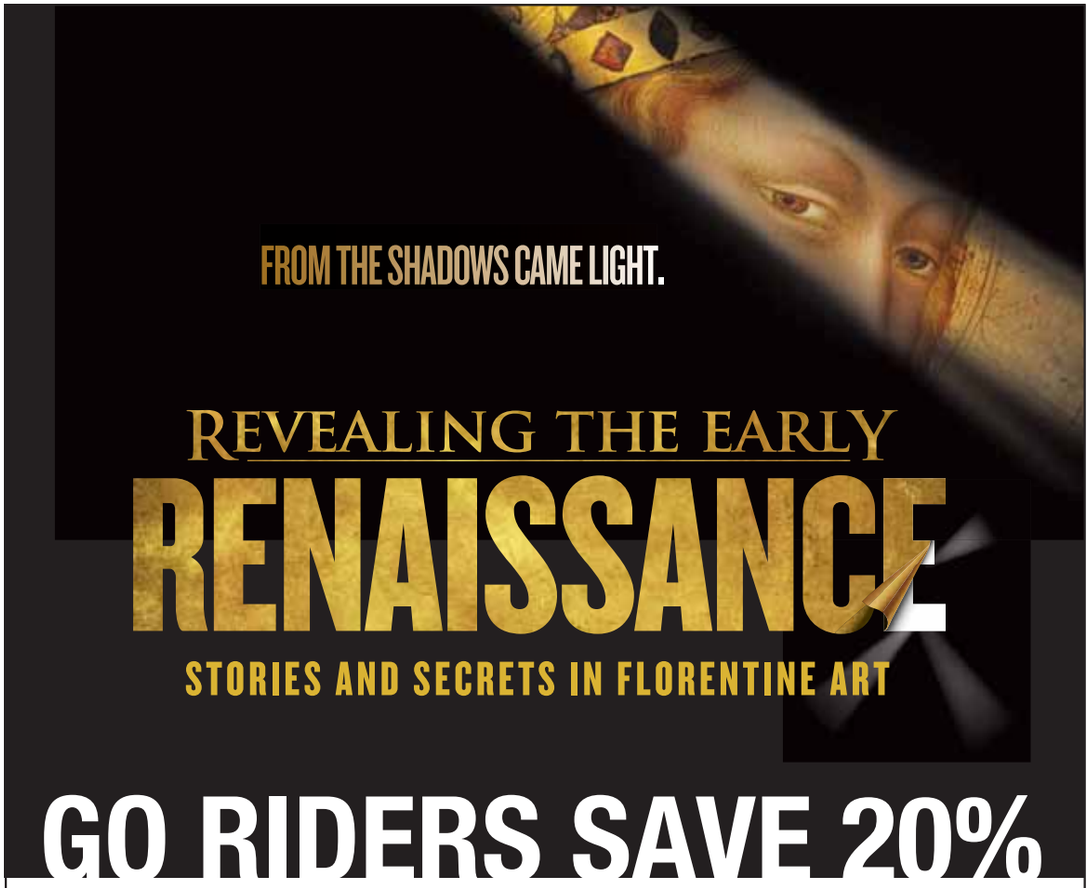

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31 arrested over Brussels Airport diamond heist

Authorities strike. In Switzerland, police have found diamonds from the robbery, while cash and luxury cars turn up in Belgium

Unlike the brilliant thieves in Ocean's Eleven, it appears that those behind the clockwork-precision, $50-million diamond heist at Brussels Airport may not get a Hollywood ending.

After three months of virtual silence on the matter, authorities struck this week, detaining at least 31 people in a three-nation sweep and recovering so many diamonds from the loot Antwerp traders lost that they are still figuring out the exact value.

Prosecution spokesperson Jean-Marc Meilleur speaks with media. YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials said that among the people held in Belgium, France and Switzerland on Tuesday and Wednesday are some with violent criminal pasts; the one person held in France is believed to have been one of the robbers at the airport. The evidence seized includes large sums of cash, precious stones and luxury cars.

"It was a total surprise for us," said Caroline De Wolf of the Antwerp World Diamond Center, whose traders lost millions in the Feb. 18 heist. "But we were delighted when we heard."

Six to eight people were detained in Geneva, and 24 in and around Brussels. The most important discovery was in Geneva of stones that could immediately be linked to theft. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Colorado. Accused in movie-theatre shooting wants to change his plea

The trial of the former graduate student charged in the deadly Colorado movie-theatre shootings will likely be delayed weeks or months because he wants to change his plea to not guilty by reason of insanity.

The judge in the case will hear arguments about the request Monday. If the judge accepts the plea, James Holmes would be sent to a mental hospital where doctors would determine whether he was sane at the time. If he's found to be insane, a jury still could find him guilty.

Holmes, 25, is charged with more than 160 counts of murder and attempted murder — 12 people were killed and 70 injured in the shootings. Prosecutors have said they will seek the death penalty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

James Holmes and his attorney Tamara Brady in March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazil

Pastor in Rio suburb charged with raping six women

Police in Brazil say they've detained an evangelical pastor accused of raping six women, including three minors.

Officer Marcio Mendonca Dugubras says Marcos Pereira of the Assembly of God of the Latter Days church was detained late Tuesday in the Rio de Janeiro suburb of Sao Joao de Meriti.

He says Pereira is suspected in six rapes.

Rio's O Globo newspaper reports that one of the alleged victims said she was raped by Pereira from the age of 14 to 22.

Phone calls to the church were not answered, but it posted a statement on its website saying it is "confident in the actions of God in the life of Marcos Pereira." It adds: "The Bible teaches that there is no evangelism without persecution." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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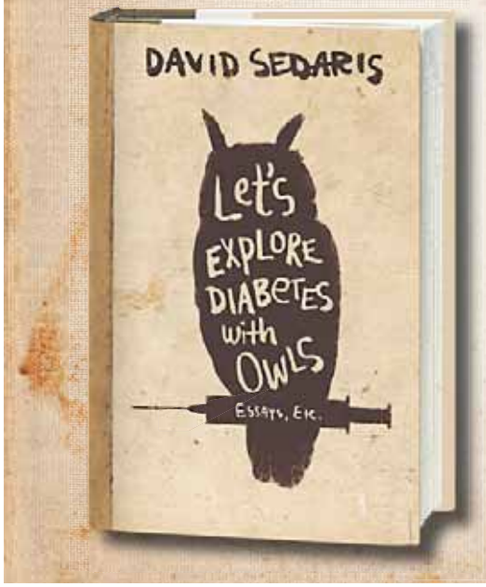

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Obesity

Coca-Cola to make diet drinks more widely available

Coca-Cola says it will make lower-calorie options and clear calorie labelling more widely available around the world, intensifying a push against critics who say its drinks pack on the pounds.

The Atlanta-based company, which makes Sprite, Fanta and Minute Maid, already offers diet drinks in most markets. But there's no consistency in their availability, particularly in emerging markets such as China and India.

Coca-Cola also said Wednesday that it would support programs that encourage physical activity and no longer market to kids younger than 12.

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A day at the office: Eat, swim, patrol Australia's beaches

Tough assignments. Eight Canadians make shortlist for Tourism Australia's Best Jobs in the World competition

Mary Gazze of Toronto has made the shortlist in the Taste Master category of Travel Australia's Best Jobs in the World competition. FACEBOOK

Mary Gazze of Toronto is going to eat her way around Australia, if she gets the job as Taste Master. Greg Snell of Oshawa will swim with Australia's dolphins, if he gets the job as Wildlife Caretaker.

Drew Sellen of Pickering will patrol Australia's beaches and check the water temperature if he gets the job as Park Ranger. However, he has a competitor in Margi Shah of Mississauga.

Those four GTA contestants are among eight Canadians shortlisted for Tourism Australia's Best Jobs in the World Competition. And those eight Canadians are among 150 people around the world vying for the coveted positions.

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$30-million effort

Feds create team to chase tax cheats

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Notice of Action

To: Paul Xiao

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Action

The Bank of Nova Scotia, the Plaintiff in this proceeding, has taken action against you. The Plaintiff started the action by filing a Notice of Action and Statement of Claim with the Court on August 12, 2011. The Plaintiff claims relief described in the Statement of Claim. The claim is based on the grounds stated in the Statement of Claim.

Deadline for Defending the action

To defend the action, you or your counsel must file a notice of defence with the Court no more than fifteen (15) days from the date of this advertisement.

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A DASH OF OPTIMISM FOR PARENTS

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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I don't know any bad parents.

I just realized this recently and it came as a total shock, similar to when I suddenly grasped, in a moment of clarity, that Murdock on The A-Team is Barclay on Star Trek: The Next Generation.

I know of bad parents, sure. I hear stories about friends of friends who approached parenting the same way some people approach marriage, as a chore they felt obliged to do, like dishes.

And the media is full of stories about parents who are too strict or too lax. Parents who ride their kids for good grades, or who could ride their kids to safety if necessary because their children are so fat.

Maybe the fact that the criticisms are all over the map should have tipped me off that bad parents are the outliers, not the trend.

My brother and sister-in-law have six kids (it's a church thing), each more well behaved and well adjusted than the last. The sort of kids that cause elderly people at restaurants to warily ask, "What's the secret?" as if my brother is raising aliens, or The Stepford Children.

I'm good friends with a nine-year-old named Dash, who is perhaps the best kid I know. Besides playing hockey and tennis as well as I do, he also plays instruments including piano and the mandolin better than I do (that is to say, he plays them at all). Recently we were hanging out and I asked him if he'd seen any good movies lately.

"Life of Pi was excellent," he said.

I blinked.

"Did you read the book?"

"Not yet," he said.

Then he lit up a cigar and we discussed stock options.

I made that last sentence up, but you get my point. And I can think of at least a half dozen kids that, if not quite so erudite as Dash, seem as bright and balanced as any adults I know — probably more so.

My little slice of life is hardly a scientific sample, but I suspect all the hand-wringing over the state of parenting is similar to worry about "today's youth." People are convinced each is getting worse every generation, when things are largely the same as previous generations and in some ways better.

We like the idea that there was a Golden Age of parenting and that things would be better if we could just get back to it somehow. They never show the scene on Father Knows Best where he lashes his son with a belt for getting home late, or tells his daughters that homosexuality is an abomination before God. Or if they do, it's only on the DVD extras.

I hope to raise a child some day, though before I get to the Miracle of Life I have to get to the Miracle of Having a Steady Girlfriend. When I finally get to deal with all the anxiety and exhaustion that comes with being a dad, it'll be nice to know I'll have some role models to live up to and lean on.

And if all the great parents I'm friends with can't help, maybe Dash can. He knows best.

ZOOM

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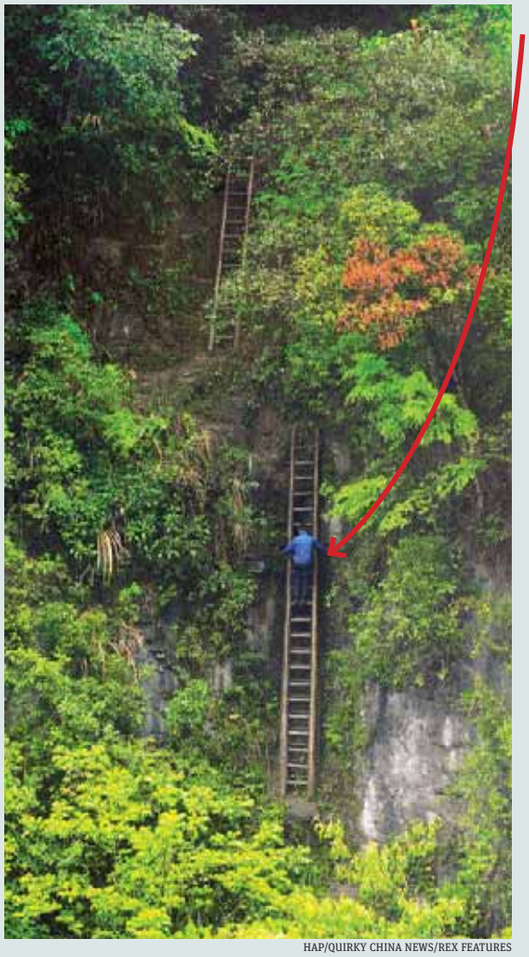

HAP/QUIRKY CHINA NEWS/REX FEATURES

And you thought your commute was bad

Few journeys to school are enjoyable, but for the kids of Zhangjiawan village in south China, they are terrifying. Students must scale a 60-metre cliff using unsecured wooden ladders, or, endure the alternative, which is a five-hour hike.

The local government has now promised to build concrete steps, which should make the trip a little easier.

The village is located on a remote mountain called The Gate of Heaven in China's Hunan province. The nearest town is 35 kilometres away, and to get there, residents have to endure 90-degree cliffs, seen here. METRO

Worse than two feet of snow

"For generations, the villagers used this path to go into town to go to school. But now, some of the richer families rent an apartment in town so their child can go to school."

Resident Yang Junxiang

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho

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The population of Zhangjiawan has quickly declined below 100 from a previous level of 400. The village had originally been created hundreds of years ago as an escape from bandits, but the appeal of isolation seems to have diminished. The village is so self-sufficient that very few outsiders need to enter. The residents are able to generate income from the natural resources that surround the mountain by growing leaves used for sticky dumplings, bee keeping and hunting.

Other scary commutes

- **Yungas Road (Bolivia).** Around 300 travellers are killed each year on this road leading from La Paz to the Amazon.
- **Lowari Pass (Pakistan).** A busy trucking route 3,000 metres up that is vulnerable to avalanches and storms.
- **Batllava Lake (Kosovo).** Kids cross an ice lake to get to school.
- **Hussaini Bridge (Pakistan).** The Hussaini village is located on both sides of the Hunza River, and to get to the other side, villagers use a bridge made from wooden planks held together by twine. Floodwaters submerged it in 2010, but it has since been rebuilt.

Click bait

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With news this week that Adobe will switch to a new, subscription-based payment plan, Photoshop users may be rethinking their Adobe allegiance. If the move has you thinking about editing your photo software service, you might want to shop around and test out some of these free photo editing sites.

Gimp

User-friendly and surprisingly full featured, Gimp is the go-to Photoshop alternative. Besides being reliable for your photo fixes, it has the added bonus of running on Linux, too.

IrfanView

Simple and user friendly, Irfan is great for light edits, photo viewing and adding simple effects.

PicMonkey

If 'cute' is a prerequisite for your editing software, PicMonkey's your site. Extremely easy to use, it lets you do basic fixes and one-click touch ups (and gives you the option to upgrade for more ways to 'cuten' up your selfies).

Paint.Net

Despite the name, which sounds like a program that belongs on a Commodore 64, Paint offers advanced features without being overly complicated.

Comments

RE: Stag And Doe? Don't Ask Me To Pay For Your Wedding, published May 7

I'm kind of guessing that you've never attended a proper Manitoba social. They're so ingrained into the culture of our province that usually one of the first questions asked of a newly engaged couple is, "When's your social?"

A big chunk of the costs for the social are usually put up by the couple themselves — the hall, the food, the booze — and they're the front runners on organizing social prizes and donations. What gets charged for beverages is nowhere near what you'd have to be paying at a bar. The only way you'd get cheaper booze is buying it yourself and drinking it in your backyard. Socials are also a great way to celebrate with people that you may not be inviting to your wedding. Some co-workers, acquaintances, family friends — people that you're friendly with but you don't know well enough to invite to the ceremony and reception.

Socials are crazy fun. You heckle the couple when they're pulling tickets for the prizes. You buy them drinks. Everyone (who's left) bounces around like a fool at the end of the night to Spirit of the West's Home for a Rest.

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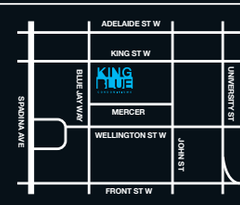

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Story of love and acceptance couched in crude

The Book of Mormon. Despite some of the most foul language ever sang on stage, Matt Stone and Trey Parker's creation is a moving story

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When Trey Parker and Matt Stone announced that they were creating an original musical for Broadway built around a pair of Mormon missionaries, the theatre world held its collective breath. After all, the duo had already raised the ire of Christians, Muslims and Scientologists through the foul-mouthed kids they'd created for South Park.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the stage: Parker and Stone crafted a funny and heartfelt production. Far from driving a wedge between fans and detractors as South Park has, the Book of Mormon found almost unanimous praise for its ability to walk the fine line between clever and crass.

"It's got a purpose," says Mark Evans, who plays the uptight Elder Price in the touring production, currently playing here in Toronto.

"And I think people can accept the fact that it's crass and vulgar if there's a reason to it."

That tightrope walk works, says Evans, because Parker and Stone are so knowledgeable about both musical theatre and the Mormon religion. "They know it really well, which is how they can find the comedy in it."

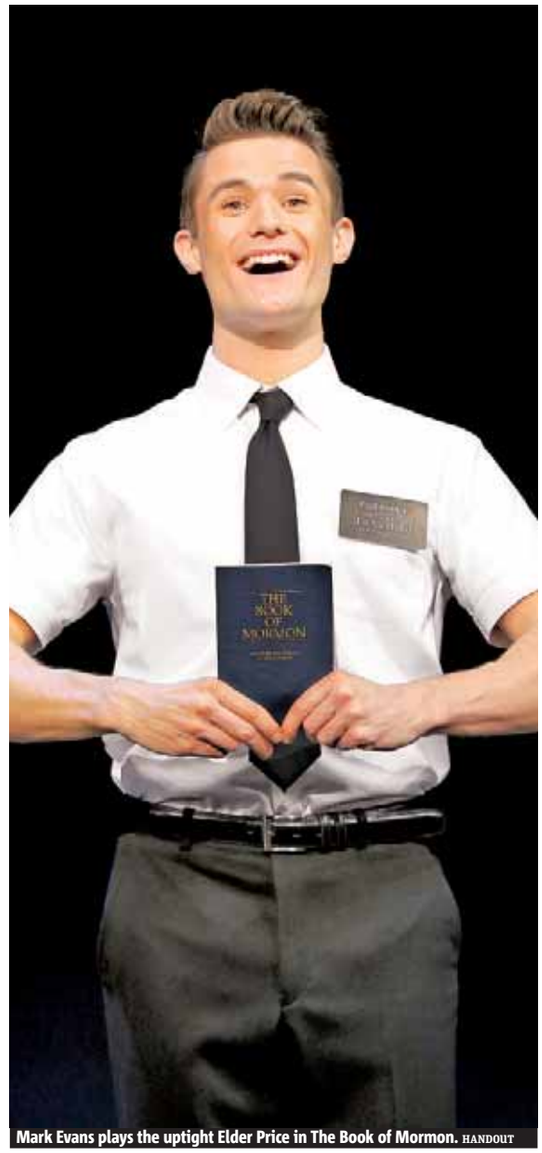
Robin Duke agrees. "It all comes out of their education and love of musical theatre." Duke, a former cast member on both SCTV and Saturday Night Live, says that the best comedy arises when the person making the joke is also invested in the thing they're mocking. "You have to be a part of it," she says. "That for me is the defining point between what's funny and offensive."

Yes, the show is filled with some of the crudest language ever sang onstage, but the Book of Mormon preaches love and acceptance, qualities it's difficult to find fault with. "You don't expect to leave feeling moved by it," says Evans. But you will be.

The Book of Mormon — on until June 9. Princess of Wales Theatre. 300 King St. West. mirvish.com.

From Wales to Toronto

Mark Evans never thought he'd end up on stage in Toronto; his Book of Mormon audition was originally for a part in the London production. But the Welsh actor went over so well that he was asked to join the North American touring cast. "It's a nicer experience to play to an American audience because I feel they really understand what we're doing," he says. But that won't stop any audience from falling in love with the show. "You don't have to have knowledge of Mormonism," he says. "It's about faith in general."



Mark Evans plays the uptight Elder Price in The Book of Mormon. HANDOUT

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Iggy's bubble just refuses to Pop

Ready To Die.
Determined, durable rocker's new album with The Stooges proves age is no obstacle to all involved

Iggy Pop and Michigan outfit The Stooges just keep going and are now on their rock victory lap. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Iggy & the Stooges broke up in 1974, almost no one who'd heard of the band had actually heard it.

More than 40 years later, Iggy Pop's band has a new album, Ready to Die, a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and growing reverence for its place in music history. It's one of rock's stranger success stories, but what do you expect when it comes to Iggy Pop and the proto-punk band everybody used to hate, but really loved?

"It's true. It's a funny arc with us," Pop said in a phone interview last week. "That is the way it is, actually, in all the various numerical yardsticks of all this crud — it's bigger than it was. We have the advantage that it was so tiny when we started. It was really, really tiny in numerical scope, but it's grown and all those old records still sell really nice and steadily, and they're heavily licensed. People get to hear them at sports events and on movies and in adverts."

When historians and critics sort through the band's legacy, Pop notes, they always point out the Stooges' initial commercial failure: "But I always felt I was never making them for a quick buck. I was always making them forever."

The Michigan-based Stooges broke up in 1974 after dropping a pair of influential albums, Fun House and Raw Power. The group with Mike Watt on bass reformed in 2003 and guitarist James Williamson rejoined the band in 2009 after guitarist-bassist Ron Asheton passed away.

The 66-year-old Pop spoke about getting better with age and the possibility of more Stooges in the 21st century:

What do you think accounts for the band's continuing growth in popularity?
It got more to the general public maybe somewhere in the mid-'90s. It just sort of got to be everybody was ready to go, "Oooh, OK." I think part of that is there were fewer and fewer people doing sort of quote-unquote rock 'n' roll. It's become less and less available on a daily basis.

Your guitarist James Williamson returned to the band after a long break from music. Did he struggle to get back up to speed?
There are little nuances that I hear of things that he can do that he couldn't do a year ago or two years ago. That's interesting. Ultimately in a group of this vintage, there are certain things that you can't do quite as much of that you could do when you're in your 20s. If you've got soul and know how to marshal your intelligence, you can more than make up for that by the depth you can bring and the intelligent decisions you can make as a musician when you're in your 60s and I'd say that's kind of what he does.

The experts say your ability to pick things up slows down as you age. Do you agree?
No, that's a lot of cold s—. In fact, playing an instrument really well is almost a detriment to playing music if you want to play it for your own pleasure or play it as an author, as originator. ... If you read Bound for Glory by Woody Guthrie, the first chapter it starts out he's hoboing on a train, and he's using his guitar to shelter him from the rain, he's getting into fights with it. It doesn't even have a guitar case. And everybody knows Woody Guthrie couldn't play but three chords. I guarantee you, you could start in your 50s and learn how to play guitar like Woody Guthrie really quickly. He pulled music out of his box. That's what it's about really, pulling music out of your box.

You had a reputation for high-energy shows during the first go-round with the Stooges. Is it more difficult to perform to that standard now?
My personal ability to project physical energy probably didn't peak until only about six years ago, seven years ago. It was in my mid to late 50s and that's because when I was younger I didn't work at it at all.

Do you think there will be more Stooges music down the road?
You know, that's a good question. By the time I got done with this one, I been in the mood like, "Oh, f—, am I glad that's over with. Let's get this thing out." But that's also the tension of a modern marketing plan. They start rattling my cage and hassling me like two months before the thing comes out. ... So right now I think there's a very good chance we could.

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Hip Hop may be in need of a checkup

Healthy change. The early live-fast, die-young image of the genre is waning as its stars of old smarten up and speak out

The culture that in the 1990s lost its brightest stars to gun violence has in recent years seen a series of notable rappers die of drug and health-related causes. Since 2011, hip-pop pioneer Heavy D, singer and rap chorus specialist Nate Dogg and New York rapper Tim Dog all died of ailments in their 40s. Kriss Kross rapper Chris Kelly was found dead last week in Atlanta of a suspected drug overdose at 34.

Some of the genre's elder statesmen say they're worried about the culture's focus on youth, current emphasis on freewheeling partying and "you only live once" ethos, as popularized by Drake's hit The Motto.

"Hip-hop being a lifestyle culture ... a part of American culture, you have to be mindful that somebody is going to grow old, age," said rap pioneer Melle Mel. "At some point somebody has to realize that hip-hop has to learn how to grow up. It's way too juvenile and it's been that way for too long."

The 51-year-old rapper, who memorably warned in 1982's The Message about urban youth who "lived so fast and died so young," said he suffers chronic bronchitis from being around marijuana and cigarette smoke when he was performing. Of course, heavy drug use in hip-hop or rock is hardly new: Cowboy of his Furious Five group died in 1989 "basically from getting high," Melle Mel said.

"It's not really worth it to literally party yourself to death. It's like committing suicide," he added. "You have to choose between what makes you feel good and what makes you think you feel good."

Other influential rappers who've died in their 30s in the last decade include Southern rap pioneer Pimp C and Wu-Tang Clan's Ol Dirty Bastard, both from drug overdoses.

Lifestyle isn't to blame for all fatal health problems in hip-hop. Smooth-voiced Midwesterner MC Breed died of kidney failure in 2008 at age 37. Soulful producer J Dilla died in 2006 at age 32 of complications from lupus. Cancer killed rappers Guru in 2010 at 48 and Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys last year at 47. One of the genre's top stars, Lil Wayne, has inadvertently focused attention on the issue. After he was hospitalized for multiple seizures, the 30-year-old rapper told a Los Angeles radio station in March that he's an epileptic.

Though he's still a heavy marijuana smoker, Snoop Dogg said he stopped drinking alcohol at clubs six years ago after suspecting that a woman put the sedative Rohypnol — widely known as a "date-rape drug" — in one of his drinks.

Death by hip hop

"It's not really worth it to literally party yourself to death. It's like committing suicide."

Rapper Melle Mel

Chris Kelly of Kris Kross died recently of a suspected drug overdose.
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"I used to drink alcohol as a fashion statement. If you in the club, they bringing you bottles and you're just drinking. I don't do that anymore. I drink water or cranberry juice," he said. "I'm not cheap. I just want to survive." Snoop, 41, said his focus on health comes from his desire to remain competitive and relevant to a genre that's largely focused on youth.

"Because when we perform, we don't have as much energy," he said. "So now we've got to get up and work out, do push-ups or jumping jacks, or whatever we've got to do to keep ourselves looking good and feeling good. Because one thing about an old man — he don't ever want to feel like he old."

For producer and rapper RZA, hip-hop's emphasis on youth stems from an urban culture that since the '80s has had trouble planning for the future.

"They said we should be dead or in jail by the age of 25. And I think we live like that," the 43-year-old Wu-Tang Clan founder said. "But what happens when you make it past 25? What happens when you make it to 40? Are you prepared for life now?"

"Think of the great artists like Biggie Smalls and Tupac, who made some of the greatest hip-hop music of all time. But they didn't make it past 25," he said. "They didn't even become a man. ODB was just becoming a man. What I want to tell the hip-hop generation out there is that there's a chance you're going to become a man. Be prepared." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Humble Edgerton finds his inner cad

The Great Gatsby. Director Baz Luhrmann gave actor used to good-guy parts the confidence to take on bad-boy Buchanan role

MATTHEW PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Joel Edgerton is in his underwear. His schedule is so packed he has to do one of his interviews while being fitted for a tuxedo, which he will wear to the Cannes screening of his new film, Baz Luhrmann's pricey 3D version of The Great Gatsby.

"One day he's going to see me without my pants on in a movie, if he hasn't already," Edgerton cracks. So while the Aussie actor — best known for his roles in Animal Kingdom, Warrior, and Zero Dark Thirty — is in various states of undress, we get to talking about his performance as Tom Buchanan, the most hissable richie of F. Scott Fitzgerald's tome.

You just saw the movie last night. What was that experience like?

It's hard to tell whether you like a movie when you see it for the first time, just because you're in it. You're judging your own performance most of the time. Or I do, anyway. Like, "Oh f—, he used that piece instead of the other piece." Or I think I did something too big or too small. It's all negative. It was great for a movie like Animal Kingdom, because once my character is killed (very early in the movie), then I could just enjoy the rest of the film. Like, "Thank God I was shot." My brother was in Zero Dark Thirty as well. We both came out with the same experience, saying, "That movie was awesome until we arrived."

Baz Luhrmann has a strong visual style. How is he with actors?

Baz makes you feel valued in the process. If he wanted to change anything on a given day, he'd go to each of our trailers for one-on-one meetings. Few other directors would do that. I'm sure it wasted a bit of time in the morning. Actors love working with him, and they told me Baz will make you look great. He'll make sure you come off well visually.

When you were first pitched a version of Gatsby with 3D and Baz's time warp style, what were your thoughts?

I didn't imagine words popping out of the screen and the rapid editing style. But I've seen his other movies. I didn't know why I expected anything more subdued. But so many things are being made in 3D, and the idea of a drama in 3D is really cool. And Baz is constantly drawing from the themes of tragic love, so for both his visual style and his thematic leanings, he's the perfect guy to make this story.

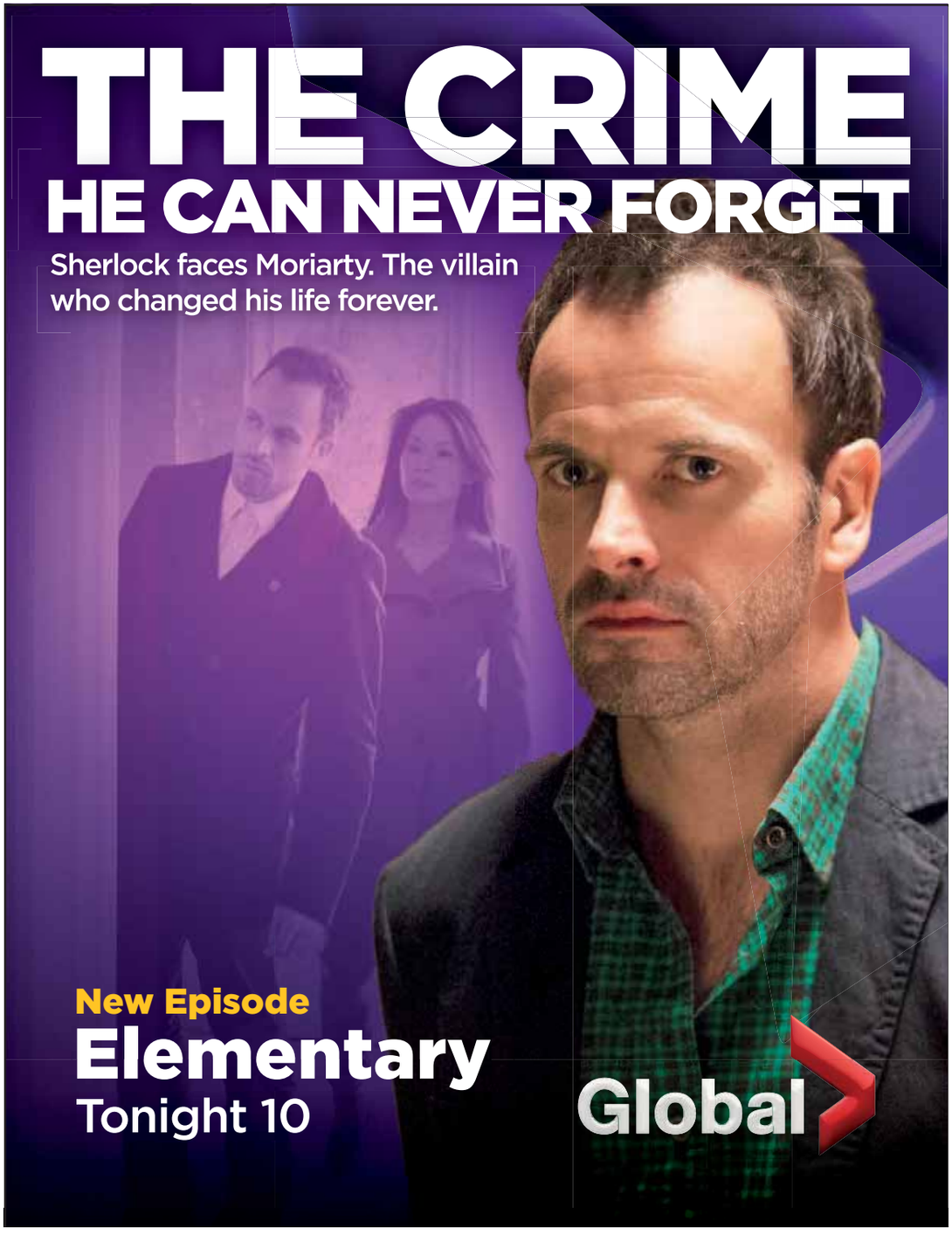
You play a lot of nice guys. What was it like playing a cad like Tom?

I never thought I could be Tom Buchanan. When I was younger I thought I could do anything. I thought I could play a girl. Young actors are pretty stubborn about casting. Then when I got behind the camera to make our own movies and we went through casting processes, I realized not everyone can do what we needed. And I chilled on the idea of people who wouldn't cast me in certain roles. Baz put the fire back under me. I shouldn't have been Tom Buchanan. I'm not that guy. But his excitement in seeing that side of me got me to do it.

How do you play a character who's so often indefensible?

Tom is a pig. He's very arrogant and racist and selfish and misogynist and a philanderer. He's kind of honest about it as well. Tom was one of the first football players at Yale, and Yale football players were the first sports heroes for American kids. Everyone would have known about him. Now he's retired, he's got all the money in the world. I just imagined Tom was really bored, and unhappy. And then when Gatsby comes in and tries to take his wife away, it brings the sport back into his life. He may not love Daisy, and he'd rather just go around and have affairs. But if another man comes in to take your possessions, he's gonna fight.

Australian Joel Edgerton, left, plays Tom Buchanan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Great Gatsby not so great, critics say. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

‘Overwrought, asinine, exaggerated and boring’: Ouch!

The reviews are trickling in for one of the most buzzed about movies of the year and they are far from “Great.” Alas, it doesn’t seem like reviewers are keen on Baz Luhrmann’s The Great Gatsby, which opens this Friday.

One said it’s as “boring as sitting through 8th period English” and another went as far as calling it “overwrought, asinine, exaggerated and boring ... about as romantic as a pet rock.”

Even The New Yorker didn’t let it down easy, saying that Luhrmann is “less a filmmaker than a music video director with endless resources and a stunning absence of taste.”

Who cares? It’s in 3D, has a soundtrack produced by Jay-Z and it looks like glitter threw up all over it! Give it to me now!

Madonna’s still got it

Madonna will be honoured as 2012’s top touring artist at the Billboard Music Awards. The 54-year-old’s MDNA tour roped in $305 million at her 88 sold-out shows, with 2.2 million people attending.

Prince, Taylor Swift and Lil Wayne are set to perform at the May 19th ceremony with Nicki Minaj, Bruno Mars, Miguel, Justin Bieber, Pitbull, Christina Aguilera, Selena Gomez, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Chris Brown, Ed Sheeran, Akon, Ne-Yo, and David Guetta in attendance.

So, yeah, $305 million. We can cut out all of the “old” jokes we throw her way.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Britney back with bitching bod (again)

THE WORD
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It looks like Britney Spears is heading to Las Vegas for a residency this fall, a la Celine Dion. And she talked to Shape about how she’s gearing up for it.

“I’m doing 90 minutes of yoga twice a week in addition to a lot of cardio — hour-long sessions three times a week with my trainer, Tony Martinez,” she tells Shape. “The [Vegas] performances won’t be simple — they’ll be a massive party from start to finish. And to pull this off, I have to be in top condition and running at full speed.” (Translation: No more Cheetos.)

She also is apparently paid by Nutrisystem to shill their diet system in interviews. She tells Shape that she’s on the program (that’s the shake for breakfast and lunch and a “sensible” dinner for those of you keeping track at home).

I think what is remarkable about this cover isn’t her toned body — or the amazing Photoshop job from the art director — but that she still rocks a belly button ring. And a very glittery one at that. What is this, 1996?

Rihanna gets cheers and jeers on tour.

Rihanna booed in Boston, cheered on in Brooklyn

Rihanna was booed for turning up late at a concert in Boston, but the audience in New York cheered her on even though she didn’t start on time the following night.

Boston.com reported that fans at the TD Garden on Monday booed the singer for starting her concert at 10:30 p.m. instead of her scheduled 9 p.m., and without opening act A$AP Rocky. Doors had opened at 7:30 p.m.

A representative for Rihanna didn’t respond to an email about the singer’s lateness.

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The most stylish movies of all time

Not since Carrie Bradshaw hauled her collection of Manolos onto the big screen has a film's wardrobe received as much hype as Daisy Buchanan's Prada-designed dresses and Jay Gatsby's Brooks Brothers suits have. So as The Great Gatsby finally hits theatres, we're revisiting our favourite fashion movies of all time — because the runways might give birth to the trends, but it's the movies that determine which ones will become iconic.

SARA CARLSSON
Metro World News

Grey Gardens

Grey Gardens is not so much a documentary about two recluses related to Jackie O as a 100-minute trend machine. Little Edie's head scarves, Big Edie's sorbet coloured house coats, the long furs, the wacky layering, the wild print-mixing: it's all in style right now. And these women — not Anna Wintour — created the look.

La Dolce Vita

The godmother of fashion cinema, Federico Fellini claimed that his inspiration for the film came from a Balenciaga dress.

Sex and the City

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Rear Window

It's hard to overstate Alfred Hitchcock's influence on fashion. Alexander McQueen once famously built a collection around his movies. And you see hints of Grace Kelly's Edith Head-designed costumes in the earlier seasons of Mad Men. In Rear Window, Grace Kelly only wears five outfits, each one memorable and relentlessly copied.

Funny Face

"Take the picture!" Hubert de Givenchy and Audrey Hepburn sealed their relationship as one of the movie world's greatest duos with a single scene: Audrey running down a staircase in the Louvre, her red sash floating above her, mimicking Winged Victory. Givenchy created costumes for four of Hepburn's movies, all of which we were tempted to put on this list.

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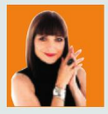

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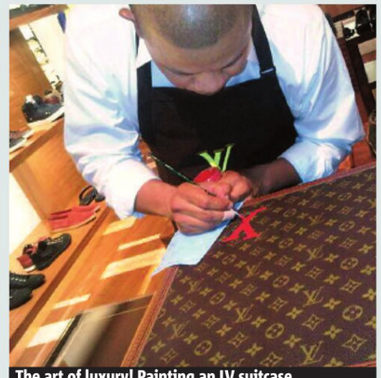

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Mother's Day is this Sunday. Celebrate your appreciation for your mother with some of the gifts that appear on the following pages. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Transform mom's relaxation time

JANINE FALCON
For Metro

Scented candles, soothing bath salts and silky body oils and butters to transform mom's precious relaxation time.

Cire Trudon Candle: Clean-burning, cotton-wick, vegetal wax masterpieces from a company that dates back to 17th-century Paris. $99 at teatroverde.com.

Philosophy Living Grace Satin Finish Body Oil: A silky, fine-mist spray that leaves skin sublimely soft and subtly scented with neroli, lily of the valley and musk. $33 at sephora.ca.

Bath & Body Works Beautiful Day: Sunny, uplifting fruity-floral shower gel, body cream, body mist and eau de toilette. From $11 at Bath & Body Works.

Bliss Blood Orange + White Pepper: Light, tangy scrub, body wash and luscious body butter to pamper skin thoroughly. From $21 at the Bay and sephora.ca.

Barr-Co Fine Handmade Bath Salts: Skin-softening mineral salts, milk powder and soothing colloidal oatmeal with apothecary-style charm. $36 at Anthropologie.

Aquiesse Candle: Natural wax and a clean-burning wick housed in a beautiful ribbed tin with a secret matchbook compartment lid that doubles as a pedestal. $39.95 at teatroverde.com.

L'Occitane En Provence Pivoine Shimmering Body Oil: A delicately perfumed shimmering oil with peony extract and grapeseed to nourish face and body. $36 at L'Occitane boutiques and loccitane.ca.

Weleda Indulgent Body Lotions Kit: All-natural biodynamic formulas and pick-me-up scents in travel-size citrus, sea buckthorn, wild rose and pomegranate. $16 at weleda.ca, well.ca and Whole Foods.

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Clockwise, from above, Bliss Blood Orange + White Pepper, from $21 at the Bay and sephora.ca, Aquiesse Candle, $39.95 at teatroverde.com, L'Occitane En Provence Pivoine Shimmering Body Oil, $36 at L'Occitane boutiques and loccitane.ca, Barr-Co Fine Handmade Bath Salts, $36 at Anthropologie, Bath & Body Works Beautiful Day, from $11 at Bath & Body Works, Crabtree & Evelyn La Source Gel Booties, $28 at Crabtree & Evelyn.

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Clockwise, from top left, Red Carpet Manicure LED Pro Kit, $99.99 at Pharmaprix, Givenchy Le Rouge Lipstick, $38 at Sephora and sephora.ca, Tata Harper Skincare Deluxe Beauty Set, $65 at beautymark.ca and kissandmakeup.ca.

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Body Shop Scents of the World: Five scents including Madagascan Vanilla Flower, Amazonian Wild Lily, Japanese Cherry Blossom, Indian Night Jasmine, and Atlas Mountain Rose. From $25 at the Body Shop.

From left, Elizabeth Arden Green Tea Honeysuckle, from $27 at the Bay and select drugstores, Valentina Assoluto, from $105 at the Bay, Holt Renfrew, Murale and Sephora, Prada L'Eau D'Iris Ephemeral Editon, $90, exclusively at Holt Renfrew.

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Food delivery service: New moms are overloaded with tasks and responsibilities — and, of course, they are sleep deprived. Why not get them a gift certificate from a local food delivery service? These delicious meals are healthy, balanced, perfectly portioned and delivered right to her front door.

Post-partum doula: Never heard of one? Post-partum doulas step in after the birth of the baby to help take care of mom and help out around the house, so mom can bond with the baby. There are qualified post-partum doulas in every city – just Google or ask for a recommendation from friends, colleagues, a local hospital or a parenting group.

Make memories: Ditch the flowers, forgo the diamonds and leave the breakfast in bed to the children. This is the year for gadgets. There are a ton of cameras available today that will capture every fleeting moment of motherhood. Most are child-friendly, which means that you can hand these to the kids and not worry about sand or dust, or even a dunk in the pool.

Gifts that give back: Make this Mother's Day unforgettable with a gift that keeps on giving. Consider making a donation to her favourite charity. Your gift will help provide expectant moms and babies in some of the poorest regions in the world with essentials like prenatal vitamins, check-ups, post-natal care and education. NEWS CANADA

Charms to make her smile

With gestures, gifts and cards, Mother's Day is a perfect opportunity to show our enduring appreciation for our wives, mothers, aunts, sisters and grandmothers. This may sound easy enough, but isn't it true that family life in the 21st century is a bit more complicated?

"We live in a time when the average family has more than one kind of mother figure to celebrate," says Janette Ewen, a style expert for leading jewelry brand, Pandora. "No two households are alike these days and, with that in mind, Pandora has created a series of family-inspired charms."

If you want to find just the right Mother's Day gift, or gifts, Ewen suggests the following ideas, which can cut your shopping time in half. More gift inspiration is available at pandora.net.

Mother: Make Mom's day with a hand-finished, sterling silver heart, engraved with the word "Mom" in eight different languages.

Mother from son: Be the prince of thoughtfulness — give her a blue enamel, heart-shaped double-dangle charm that says "Son" on the inside of one half, and "Mother" on the other half. Both hearts feature a textured sterling silver and oxidized design. This highly-requested charm joins last year's red enamel "Mother/Daughter" version.

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Great women: In sterling silver and sparkling cubic zirconia, honour the bonds between your female family members with a dangle that says "Sweet Sister," "Loving Mother" or "Grandmother." All three dangles have space on the back to engrave a message to transform the charm into a personal keepsake.

You're like a mother to me: Touch her angelic heart with a "Love & Family" sterling silver charm featuring 12 smiling faces, or let her know that you are "Purrfect Together" with a pair of sterling silver cats joining their tails in the shape of a heart.

New mom: Teddy bear charms are also perfect for commemorating the first year with her bundle of joy. The pink teddy tells everyone "It's a Girl!" and the blue teddy proclaims "It's a Boy!" This Mother's Day Pandora will also offer a limited edition, two-tone "Bear My Heart" charm, made of sterling silver and holding a 14k gold heart. NEWS CANADA

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Canadian entertainer Chantal Kreviazuk is a selection committee member for the 2013 Walmart Mom of the Year Award. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Survey. How much is your mom worth?

One of the most important jobs on the planet doesn't come with a paycheque, but Canadians have a salary in mind. According to a recent survey conducted by Leger Marketing on behalf of Walmart Canada, Canadians would pay their mom an average annual salary of $161,287 for all of her hard work.

The survey was commissioned in celebration of the second annual Walmart Mom of the Year Award, giving people across the country the opportunity to recognize the enormous contribution mothers make to their families and to their communities.

"We're thrilled to bring the mom of the year award back for a second year," said Emma Fox, chief marketing officer for Walmart Canada. "This award celebrates moms as both role models and integral members of the community, and gives Canadians an opportunity to say thank you for everything moms do every day."

Walmart's survey also asked Canadians who they thought embodied the quintessential TV mom; The Cosby Show's Clair Huxtable led the poll being named by one in five respondents (21 per cent). Marge Simpson of The Simpsons came in second at 17 per cent.

Top moms

- According to Canadians, the top four TV moms are Clair Huxtable, The Cosby Show (21 per cent); Marge Simpson, The Simpsons (17 per cent); Kitty Foreman, That '70s Show (12 per cent); and Carol Brady, The Brady Bunch (11 per cent).
- Sixty per cent of Canadians say the 2013 mom of the year should have several qualities, such as being loving, compassionate, hard-working, fun-loving, a mentor, sacrificing and charitable.

"Being a mom is really a labour of love and though music has always been a central part of my life, the day I became a mother was the day I became who I was meant to be," said Chantal Kreviazuk, Canadian singer, songwriter and pianist and a selection committee member.

"My journey into motherhood nine years ago renewed my sense of creativity, and strengthened my passion for giving back to the causes that are dear to my heart. These things, combined along with my commitment to my family, continue to help me in my effort to be the best version of me possible."

A selection committee of mom ambassadors comprised of three admired Canadian mothers, one Walmart Canada mom and last year's mom of the year will determine the recipient of the 2013 Award.

New this year is the My Finalist public voting, where Canadians will have the chance to review the top 20 candidates and vote for one mom they want to see become one of the eight finalists. Each finalist will receive $10,000 to spend on themselves and the remaining seven will receive $10,000 for the charity or cause of their choice. The Mom of the Year award recipient will receive $100,000 for the charity or cause of her choice.

The mom of the year finalists will be flown to Toronto for a day of pampering and an awards gala on Oct. 5. Nominations for the mom of the year award close June 16 and My Finalist public voting will run from July 4 through to Aug. 1.

For more information, visit momoftheyear.ca.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tasty things come in mini packages

ROSE REISMAN
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These burgers are extremely moist and flavourful due to the hoisin sauce.

Instead of beef, use ground chicken, veal or pork, or try a combination. Serve these on miniature hamburger buns and add some sautéed onions.

Ingredients

- 1 lb extra-lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley
- 4 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 tsp sesame oil

1. Heat the barbecue to high and spray with cooking oil, or preheat the oven to 450 F.

2. Combine the beef, bread crumbs, green onion, cilantro or parsley, 2 tablespoons of the hoisin sauce, garlic, ginger and egg in a bowl. Mix thoroughly and form into 10 mini burgers.

3. Whisk the water, remaining 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce and sesame oil together in a small bowl.

4. Brush half of the sauce over the burgers.

5. Barbecue, or place on a rack on a baking sheet and bake for 10 to 15 minutes (until no longer pink in the center). Turn the patties once, halfway through, and brush with the remaining sauce. Serve on mini hamburger buns, if desired, and garnish with sautéed onions.

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Miniature Hoisin Garlic Burgers

This recipe serves five. Two mini burgers are 264 calories and contain 7 grams of fat. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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Starter. Prosciutto-Wrapped Pineapple

Ingredients

Paste

- 1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions (white and light green parts)
- 1 jalapeño chili pepper, roughly chopped
- 1 tbsp peanut oil
- 1 tbsp peeled, minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 each tsp dried thyme, ground allspice, ground cinnamon, kosher salt
- 1 large pineapple, peeled, cored, and cut into 16 spears, each about 1 by 5 inches
- 32 thin slices prosciutto, about 1 lb total

1. Prepare grill for direct cooking over high heat (450 to 550 F).

2. In blender combine paste ingredients. Process until a chunky paste forms, scraping down the sides of the bowl at least once.

3. Coat each pineapple spear with about 1 teaspoon of the paste, and then wrap each spear with two prosciutto slices. Grill the spears over direct high heat, with the lid closed, until the prosciutto is crisp on all sides, 8 to 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Serve. **NEWS CANADA/ 2013 WEBER-STEPHEN PRODUCTS LLC. RECIPE FROM WEBER'S NEW REAL GRILLING BY JAMIE PURVIANCE. USED WITH PERMISSION.**

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When comparing vehicles, check to make sure they really are similar. On some entry-level vehicles, the base price might not include air conditioning. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Go beyond just kicking the tires

Purchase process. You can never do too much when hunting for your perfect vehicle

JIL MCINTOSH
Wheels/Drive

Despite how much they cost, vehicles are often impulse purchases. Many people visit showrooms just to kick tires, but fall for something they see. That can sometimes work out, but it's a better plan to research and find exactly the right car for your needs.

Ask friends and family for recommendations, including what they don't like about their vehicles. Don't think something is too minor to consider — that badly placed cupholder could be an issue on every commute.

The Internet is a great resource for car shopping. Manufacturers' websites (make sure you are on the Canadian versions) will contain specifications about each vehicle, along with photos, lists of standard features and options, and pricing.

When comparing vehicles, check to make sure they really are similar. On some entry-level vehicles, the base price might not include air conditioning. If it can be added, it might make the car more expensive than a competitor with standard air conditioning.

Reviews can help narrow your list of cars to test drive. Some are launches, where writers drive new vehicles for a few hours for initial impressions. Temper these with regular reviews, where the writer drives it daily for a week or more for a more rounded assessment.

Don't think something is too minor to consider when shopping for a vehicle— that badly placed cupholder could be an issue on every commute. TOP PHOTO GROUP/THINKSTOCK

Now that you have a few models in mind, it's time to test drive. Surprisingly, many people take a car out for just a quick trip around the block. You are going to be living with this vehicle for many years, so spend at least an hour or more, including time on the highway.

The car should drive smoothly on city streets and have enough passing power on the highway. Try parking it a few times to see how easily it manoeuvres. Make sure you are comfortable and that you can reach everything. Something that bugs you on the test drive won't get better with time.

Research other factors, too. Check with your insurance company to see what you are going to pay for coverage. If you are tempted by flashy 19- or 20-inch wheels, find out what replacement tires cost. And if it comes down to choosing between models from different companies, how convenient is the dealership to home or work when you need servicing?

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5 safe bets

To get you going

MARK RICHARDSON
Wheels/Drive

If you are looking for your very first car, and you want to buy something with that wonderful new car smell, then there is plenty of choice out there on dealers' lots.

To narrow it down for you, here are five vehicles in five different classes we have no hesitation in recommending.

Sensible sedan: Honda Civic ($15,440)
You just can't go wrong with a Honda Civic, the bestselling car in Canada for years. It's not exciting or inspiring, but it's reliable, comfortable, capable, great on gas and holds its value well. More to the point, it's been around a long time and every mechanic knows how to service it. There will be no surprises with a new Civic.

The practical crossover: Mazda CX-5 ($22,995)
Mazda has struggled to keep up with demand for its CX-5 crossover since it was introduced a couple of years ago. It's the smallest of its crossovers, which makes it the easiest to drive, not to mention the cheapest. Everything falls easily to hand with the CX-5 and, like any crossover, it lets the driver sit a little higher for a clearer view of a busy road. The interior is well appointed with an exceptionally high-quality fit and finish for a vehicle of this price.

Family hauler: Dodge Grand Caravan ($19,895)
So you have a family now and public transit is a challenge, especially with strollers, hockey bags and the dog. Or maybe you have moved out to the suburbs and need a vehicle for schlepping everyone around. Sorry, but you just can't beat a minivan. Canada's bestselling minivan for the past 28 years is the Dodge Grand Caravan, mostly because it's very practical and it's not expensive.

The fun factor: Mini Cooper ($23,950)
The basic Mini Cooper is bags of fun to drive without being overly powerful or difficult to manage. Mini is owned by BMW, so they are built to a high quality. The cheapest Mini is less than $24,000 and although space is limited, it has seating for four and a little trunk in the back. This generation has been around a few years, so the bugs have been worked out, and there are plenty of variations, all the way up to the 208-horsepower John Cooper Works Convertible.

Luxury choice: Mercedes-Benz B-Class ($29,900)
If you don't mind paying a little extra for quality and a premium nameplate, the B-Class is the least-expensive Mercedes available and it's a solid buy. It's a hatchback, so it's practical, and it's also a very safe vehicle, especially for inexperienced drivers.

Mazda CX-5.

Dodge Caravan

Honda Civic

Mini Cooper

Mercedes-Benz B-Class

ABCs of safe driving: Know more than just rules of the road

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When educators mention the ABCs of any discipline being taught, they are usually referring to the absolute basics.

In driver education, there are the basics most people think of, such as the rules of the road, traffic signs and driving on the right side of the road. These make up the bulk of what is taught when we take driving lessons.

I believe the real ABCs of driving are more comprehensive and quite a bit different than what most motorists — particularly people who have just purchased their first new car — would think.

These ABCs should be taught in every driving course and reviewed throughout everyone's driving career.

A is for attitude: Almost every driver needs to readjust their attitude toward driving. Before we click the remote to unlock the driver's door, each of us should stop, take a deep breath and realize we are about to operate a two-ton machine of glass, steel and plastic that has the potential to kill, maim, ruin lives and break hearts.

Unfortunately, there are too many motorists who forget that driving requires a high level of responsibility. Being in command of a potentially deadly form of transportation requires we prove our ability through testing, and that when signing on the dotted line, we agree to play by the rules. Without these rules, motoring mayhem would ensue.

B is for brains: Driving a vehicle requires a certain level of intelligence. After all, our lives are on the line when we are behind the wheel.

We should never catch ourselves driving without thinking. This means all motorists and truckers should not allow themselves to be distracted from processing vital driving information. We should always think our way out of trouble on the road or, much better still, think ahead to avoid the danger.

Motorists are better off not allowing emotions to dictate a response to a traffic situation but rather to figure out the most intelligent response.

C is for control: It is in our best interest to learn how to control this large machine. It has a lot of mass and is capable of death and a tremendous amount of destruction.

Every motorist should understand what it takes to control their vehicle in extreme conditions. This includes emergency situations such as collision avoidance, emergency lane changes and skids and slides.

Most drivers are in control as long as the driving scene goes as planned. However, when the situation turns ugly, the vast majority have no idea what their vehicle will do or how to control it.

Every motorist should learn how to control their vehicle in emergency situations, on winter roads and any other extreme setting we come across.

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Protect your investment

Sparkling shine. Keeping your vehicle clean will ensure it will look good if you decide to sell it

HENRY STANCU
Wheels/Drive

That new car look lasts about as long as the next mud puddle or major coffee spill, and then it's all downhill as the wear and tear of daily use takes its toll on your new set of wheels.

However, there is a wide array of products and services geared to keeping your cherished buggy sparkling long after it has left the dealership.

Depending on your budget, you can do it yourself or have professionals do it for you.

The question you need to ask yourself is: Do you want to protect your investment and ensure its good resale value down the road?

"Nothing lasts forever," says Lawrence Bailey, owner of New Image Car Spa, an auto detailing shop that has been in business in the Yonge and Eglinton area for 19 years. "But if you have a good car and you keep it in nice shape, it will look better longer and, when the time comes to sell, it will be worth more."

Inside and out detailing packages range from $125 to $375 at New Image, which recommends getting the work done every six months.

For most people, the cost of professional detailing and paint protection is too high.

This is where the do-it-yourselfers thrive, buying hundreds of car cleaning products for everything from the dashboard to wheel rims.

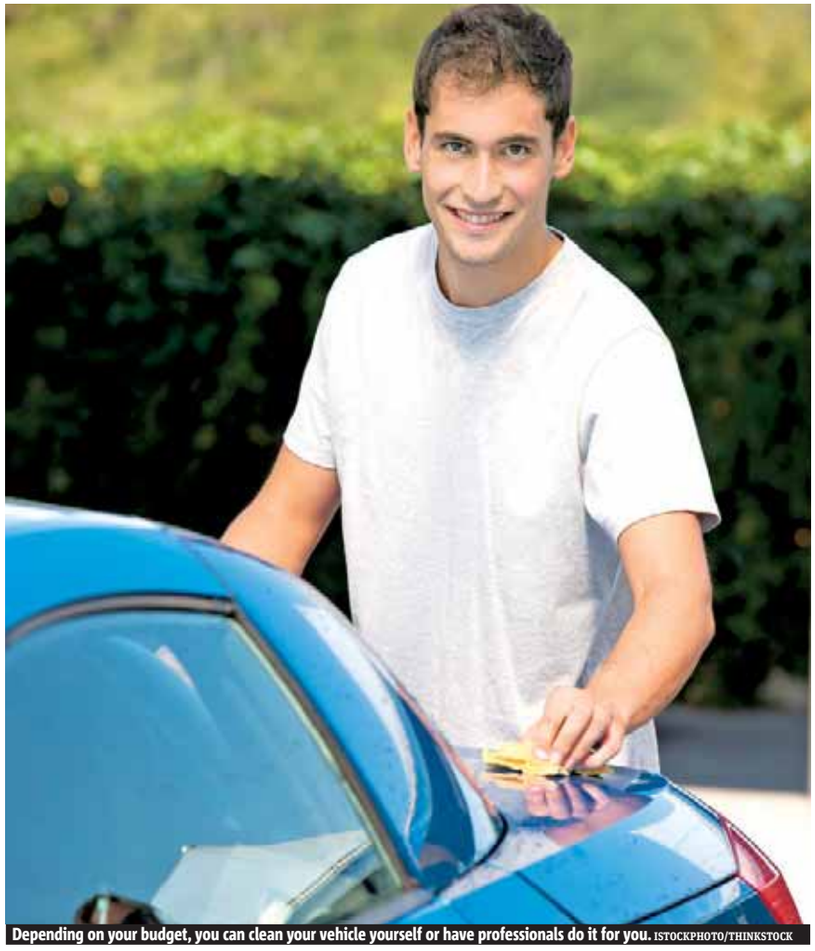
Experts say your new car should be washed once a week if it's parked outside and once a month if kept in a garage. A lot also depends on how often it's driven and exposed to the elements, ranging from nature to road salt.

It's always wise to wash and wax you car in the shade because if it's too hot, the detergent will quickly dry in spots causing stains and the wax will bake on the surface. Use soap specifically designed for auto surfaces, rather than household cleaners, which may damage the finish.

Whether you use a garden hose or rinse with water from a bucket, it is always wise to do so gently, applying as little pressure as possible. And always start from the top of the vehicle, so the dirty water flows downward.

Before starting on the exterior it's a good idea to clean the interior first, because you don't want the inner dirt to mar the shiny clean exterior.

Vacuum the rugs, seats and all the nooks and crannies, and shake or wash the floor mats outside the car.



Depending on your budget, you can clean your vehicle yourself or have professionals do it for you. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Factory fresh or savings? New vs. used car debate

MARK TOLJAGIC
Wheels/Drive

Death-ray parts, replica Pope hats and dogs with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder are a few of the many memorable items that sellers have advertised on Craigslist.

The pioneering online marketplace is a testament to the fact that anything pre-owned can find an appreciative buyer — especially automobiles.

Considerable savings are in store for drivers who buy a second-hand car or truck, but a shiny new model has some undeniably appealing advantages. Let's review the pros and cons of each.

Considerable savings are in store for drivers who buy a second-hand vehicle, but a shiny new model has some undeniably appealing advantages. HEMERA/THINKSTOCK

Buying new

A new car is factory fresh, meaning it has only been driven from the assembly line to the transporter, amassing only a handful of kilometres in the hands of careful employees wearing clean pants.

To complete the visceral experience, the vehicle smells new, although that's due to the plastics, adhesives and carpeting off-gassing their volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which can irritate some people. Used cars come VOC-free — but may have odours of their own.

New vehicles feature factory warranties consisting of three to five years of comprehensive coverage, plus a few more for significant components, such as emissions systems, as well as rust perforation coverage.

Brakes, tires, clutches and other "wear items" may require replacement during the warranty period, however, and owners can pay handsomely for maintenance — although some premium brands promote free scheduled maintenance for the first few years to help cultivate a warm relationship.

For those who have the patience, buying a new car provides the opportunity to order one from the factory built to their exacting specifications, limited only by the available options and paint choices.

New car loans and leasing are almost always cheaper than used-car financing, thanks to manufacturers' programs that can offer as little as zero per cent.

New cars come with the latest safety gear and technological advances, such as improved multimedia interfaces and navigation systems.

Buying used

New vehicle buyers suffer the big depreciation hit — models typically lose about half their value in the first three years, compared to about one-quarter over the next three. Second-hand shoppers take advantage of the resulting lower prices. The savings may entice the buyer to step up into a better-equipped model or a higher trim level.

Used vehicles almost always have more profit baked into the asking price compared to new ones, which means shoppers have more opportunity to negotiate a lower price. The savings grow bigger if the purchase price is financed, since a lower principle will require a smaller monthly payment.

Don't discount the fact there is less mental anguish over a parking lot ding or scratch when driving a used car. Chances are the vehicle already has chipped paint on the hood and fingernail scratches around the door handle — things that could drive you insane the first time you spot them on your pricey new vehicle.

Inexpensive auto insurance doesn't exist, but a five-year-old model is generally cheaper to insure than a new one, so anything that lessens the monthly or annual premium is welcome these days.

There is a wider variety of used vehicles, spanning many years of production, and no two used cars are exactly the same, so searching for the best second-hand buy can be time-consuming, even when dealer inventories are online.

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Optima SX Turbo shown^

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CITY (M/T): 6.9L/100KM

INCL. AIR, KEYLESS ENTRY & HEATED SEATS

WAS	WITH	AT
~~$108~~ BI-WEEKLY	$0 DOWN	1.49% APR

INCLUDES 6 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENTS ON US¤ ON RIO ONLY

CLEAROUT BONUS $500¥

NOW ONLY $100≠ BI-WEEKLY

bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with **$0 DOWN PAYMENT**. Offer includes delivery, destination, fees, **$900 "6 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENTS ON US" SAVINGS**¤ and **$500 CLEAROUT BONUS**¥. Offer based on 2013 Rio 4-door LX + AT with a purchase price of $18,683.

Soul 4u Luxury shown^

2013 SOUL

HWY (M/T): 6.7L/100KM
CITY (M/T): 8.5L/100KM

INCL. AIR, KEYLESS ENTRY & SATELLITE RADIO

WAS	WITH
~~$124~~ BI-WEEKLY	$0 DOWN

AT 1.49% APR

CLEAROUT BONUS $500¥

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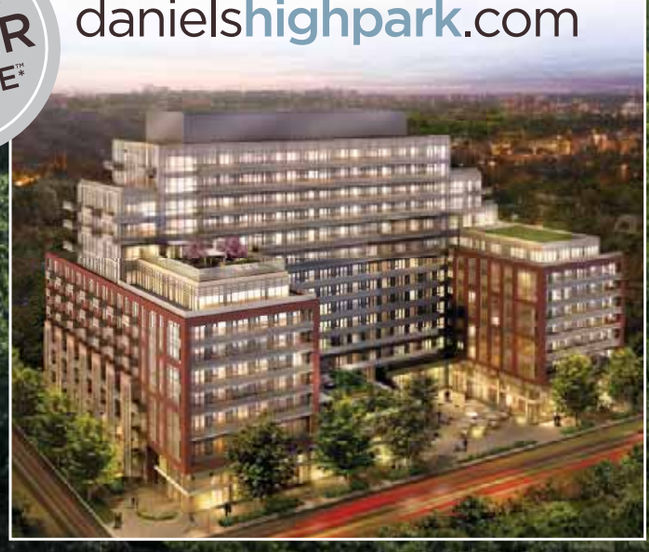

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Let's talk transit

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I'm sure many of you will agree that transit is one of the most important components of a world-class city. This is why the building and development industry is working for a fair, adequate transit funding strategy for the GTA.

As the voice of the industry, BILD has reached out to Metrolinx with a list of 15 recommendations for its shortlist of revenue tools to fund its regional transportation plan. I would like to focus on a few points that should prove very valuable to new home buyers in the GTA.

If you are interested in reading all 15, I welcome you to visit BILD's official blog at bildblogs.ca and would appreciate you spreading the word via your own social networks. When we looked at the funding tools in question, and who will ultimately pay, we thought about how they can overlap. We thought about businesses, vehicle drivers, transit users and the average consumer, which includes the new home buyer.

Our industry firmly believes that the existing transit deficit is not the new home buyers' responsibility and thus, BILD is strongly opposed to new development charges being a part of Metrolinx's revenue toolkit. Affordability of homeownership is a big issue in the GTA and DCs are already a significant part of the cost of a new home.

The second point I'd like to focus on relates to preserving and improving affordability. BILD has asked that sales tax not be considered as a revenue tool, or at least be implemented with thresholds. Even a slight increase to the current tax system can cost homebuyers thousands of dollars. For some, it can even push homeownership out of reach.

Last, but certainly not least, we asked Metrolinx to be a strong voice in the conversation about the benefits of complete communities. BILD has long advocated for the provincial Growth Plan and the regional transportation plan to go hand-in-hand because there is a strong relationship with transit ridership, transit planning and land-use patterns and planning. We are living in one of the fastest-growing regions in North America. We need to get moving on getting people moving!

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Art deco style all the rage

Earlier this year I predicted that the style of art deco would make a resurgence in home decorating. The look of art deco was invented in the early part of the 20th century, and incorporated modern lines, masculinity and luxurious finishes like polished dark wood, brushed gold metal tones and hits of black for opulence. As both traditional and modern, the look of deco helps to bridge something old with its clean, modern lines. This month The Great Gatsby movie is being released; a show stopper filmed in the art deco period with incredible fashions and home decor. I though it would be suitable to feature a few home decor items that will help get the deco look in your own home.

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Memoirs Lavatory Faucet

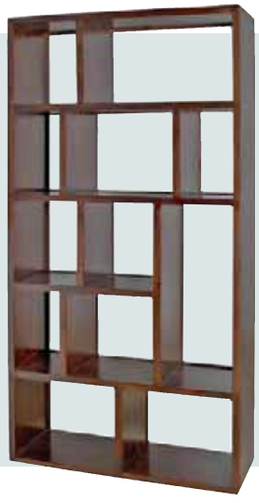
Graphic and masculine taps add strong design lines to a lavatory. Want a truly authentic deco bathroom? Try adding a black toilet and sink to the room. $630, kohler.ca

Shand Kydd Peacock Modern Spiral Wallpaper

Simple gold fans on turquoise adds a deco feel to the walls. Perfect for adding drama to a small foyer entrance or on the back wall behind a bed. $76/double roll, sears.ca

Biblioteca Bookcase

The dark walnut stained shelving makes this bookcase a great display piece or bookshelf. It fits into any space and is a personal design favourite as a see-through room divider. $700, urbanbarn.com



Starburst Mirror

Gold and shine reflect the opulent lifestyles of the decor period. Hang one in the dining room and forgo the fancy chandelier. $250, crateandbarrel.com

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Architect uses every nook and cranny in designing micro houses

Studio37. A creative layout is necessary when building these 400-square-foot units

For an architect who thrives on the challenge of constraints, little compares to the test of designing a home with a 37-square-metre footprint, but that is exactly what Dan Boot did.

"When I have a constraint around the location where the house is supposed to go it really kind of gets my creative juices flowing," said Boot, president of Victoria's Small Modern Living. "I like to work to maximize the space, so I take advantage of every little nook and cranny."

Small Modern Living designed the 37-square-metre (400-square-foot) unit known as Studio37 as a prototype of a house that could be lowered into place by crane if need be.

Units like those being created by Boot's company are part of a larger movement within architecture and design to create small and even tiny homes which increase urban density and provide solutions to municipalities struggling with affordable housing shortages.

In addition to the creation of the Studio37 prototype, Small Modern Living has been working with Victoria residents who are interested in building self-contained garden suites in their backyards that can be used for student rental or in-law flats.

"The genesis of Small Modern Living came out of a response to densification and also the City of Victoria has a policy for garden suites, which kind of runs in parallel to laneway housing that they have in Vancouver, which has been very successful," said Boot.

While Studio37 was designed to be built either in a factory or on site, Boot said most of their homes are site specific due to technicalities that arise around issues like property setbacks.

Dan Boot, designer and developer for Small Modern Living Inc., stands outside a 400-square-foot home in Victoria, B.C. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Then architects and designers have to get creative in determining the layout and furnishings of the spaces. Many decisions depend on whether the small home is being built as a primary residence or secondary unit.

"In the bedroom of Studio37 we incorporated a Murphy bed," said Boot. "When it is folded down it is a bed, but when it is in the upward position there is a hinged partition that folds down and forms a work station." Another space-saving feature of Studio37 is the use of pocket doors for the interior instead of traditional hinged doors.

The 18 West Hastings project, which was built in the historic Burns Block building, is the first of its kind in Vancouver. The development incorporated 21-square-metre (226-square-foot) microlofts. Bruce Carscadden, an architect who worked on the project, said one of the most important factors in designing a livable unit that is only 21 square metres was providing natural light. Because the building has a flatiron shape, the rental units have windows on all sides.

"The uptake of these units was quite quick," said Carscadden. "The quality of the fit and finish of all the units was done really nicely, first class with modern esthetics and materials.

"I think that affordability and the quality of that space, in addition to living in the city where your living room is Gastown, where all of the cool and trendy things are going on, was particularly compelling to the young people who rented those spaces." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dan Boot looks out from inside a 400 sq. ft. home counter tops, glass tiles, engineered wood flooring,

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in Victoria, B.C. The modern-looking home can fit into most backyards for under $100,000 and offers features such as granite high efficiency washer and dryer, a living room area, kitchen, bathroom and wall bed. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inside the bedroom of a Small Modern Living Inc. 400 sq. ft. home.
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Inside the wheelchair-accessible bathroom. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nothing new

The idea of living in smaller spaces may be new to cities like Victoria and Vancouver, but Bruce Carscadden, architect and partner of Bruce Carscadden Architect, said it is something Japanese and Europeans have been doing for years.

- "There is no end of precedents for people living in small spaces," said Carscadden, who worked on the 18 West Hastings project in Vancouver.
- "Maybe what is interesting or what is notable is that it is new to Vancouver but certainly not new to Japanese or European markets, where people have lived in significantly smaller spaces for a lot longer," he explained.
- "We certainly did look to a lot of Japanese precedents for living in smaller spaces."

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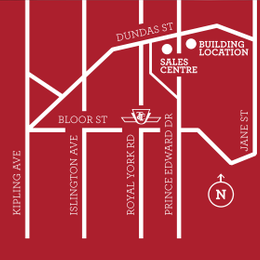

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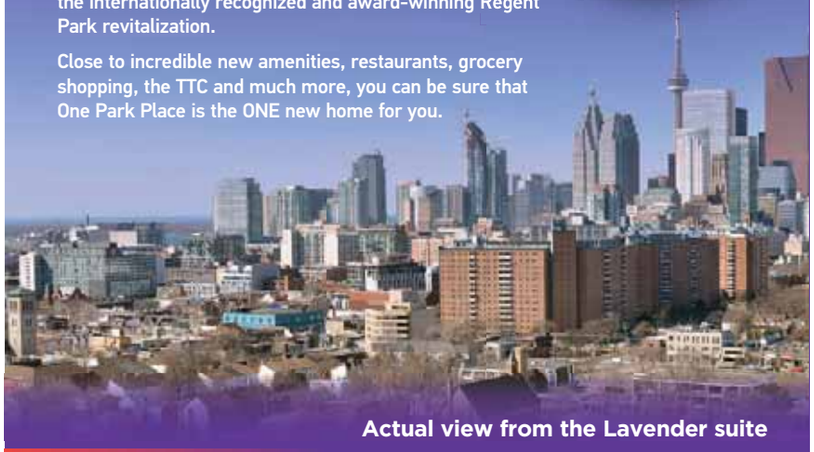

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Turn castoffs into

Odds and ends. The perfect addition to your home is right around the corner — use your imagination to bring it back to life

As the warmer weather is upon us, it brings many new activities, from baseball to picnics to garage sales. It's the time of the year when people are purging what they don't need, and is the perfect opportunity to turn their trash into your treasure.

From outdated odds and ends to forgotten furniture, there is a wealth of worthy items just waiting to be found, re-imagined, and re-purposed. Take a look at these ideas:

Pretty in paint

Rusty metal, chipped paint, colours from another decade — these are all-too-common sights for the garage sale shopper. But look beyond these imperfections — and at their spray paint potential — and you'll soon find some diamonds in the rough.

Metal products, such as tables, chairs, garden tools or even watering cans, can receive an easy and instant update with a spray paint like Rust Protector from Krylon. It is available in a variety of colours and dries in just eight minutes, so as you create your new masterpieces, you don't have to worry about grass, leaves or other particles getting stuck in a fresh coat of paint. It provides the ultimate protection against rust, keeping your new treasures looking amazing regardless of the elements they face.

New uses for old things

The key to finding items at garage sales is to look at how they can be used in new and different ways. Don't view that dusty, broken typewriter or vintage camera as mechanical pieces you have to fix, but rather as interesting design elements to be admired on bookshelves and mantels.

Even old books can add a level of sophistication to your home. Grab a handful in coordinating colours to stack on a dresser or end table for instant eye appeal. Buy an old ladder and prop it against the wall as a place to drape blankets. You can even spray paint an old coffee mug rack to create a fabulous jewelry organizer where you can hang all your favourites. The possibilities are endless.

Turn treasure into sold

If your main reason for getting giddy over garage sales is to make a quick buck, you're not alone. Valuable items lurk at each and every turn, and they are just waiting to be snatched up by an eager buyer. Doing your research and reading up on collectibles is a great place to start. Generally, pieces with high nostalgia value will fetch a higher price tag. Think classic lunch boxes, comic books, sports memorabilia or board games — things you loved as a kid and that never seem to go out of style. You can also enlist the help of a collectibles expert to tell you everything you need to know.

So, as you head outdoors this summer on a hunt for some bargain fixer-upper or forgotten gems, keep your eyes peeled and your mind open.

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Bedroom

Time to redo the core of this room: the bed. New sheets and a mountain of matching pillows are great, but if you want to get your hands dirty, try creating your own headboard.

It only takes a tiny bit of sewing skill to create a slipcover for your current headboard. With the wide choice of fabrics available, you can set the tone for the whole room.

If you're looking for something more rustic, see if you can dig up weathered wood. Paint and sand an old door or shutters to match the room's theme and mount it behind the bed frame.

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DIY in your home: one room at a time

JULIA WEST
Metro World News

Pretend you're walking into your home for the first time.

Chances are, once you take that step back, you'll start to notice plenty of outdated decor that could stand to be freshened up, or a cluttered area that could be put to better use.

Rather than overwhelm yourself with a whole-house overhaul, start making small, easy changes, one room at a time. You won't spread yourself — or your wallet — too thin.

Bathroom

Make your bathroom swankier by displaying everyday items in glass. Use mason jars, sugar kegs or even old jam jars to hold your cotton swabs, cotton balls, and toothbrush.

If your linen closet is overflowing and perhaps a little musty, too, air out and display clean towels, rolled up, in a basket or recycled wooden crate. And if all else fails, it's shocking what a fresh shower curtain can do to shift the bathroom's style.

Kitchen

Even the best kitchens are sometimes lacking in countertop space. Free up some of that precious commodity by giving everything on the counter a new home.

Start with a wall-hanging spice rack, which you can build, buy or upcycle from old shelves.

If you have a bulky, cylindrical container on your countertop that holds large utensils, move it to the wall. Use a wall-mounted flower pot holder to keep your container off the counter.

Don't throw that out!

- During all of this updating and remodelling, it's easy to absentmindedly trash anything that doesn't have an immediate purpose. You might want to hold off, though. Before you dump that empty glass jar, consider giving it new life as a DIY snow globe or tiny terrarium.
- The head of a rusty metal rake just needs a thorough cleaning before nailing it to the wall and using it as an Americana-style piece to hold keys, necklaces or dishtowels.

Talking condos with Condo Store founder

CONDO TRENDS
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You can walk into the store and buy a condo, literally. Mark Cohen is senior VP and a founding partner of the Condo Store Marketing Systems in Liberty Village and is one of Toronto's foremost condo experts. Mark talks to Metro about the GTA market.

Tell us a bit about how you got started.
I opened the condo store in 2007, so we're in our sixth year of business. I worked in-house for 25 years for the big guys. One of the people that I recruited to head up my sales team was John Mehlenbacher. John had developed a network of investors and he met a guy by the name of Simon Mass that had an international book of clients looking to invest in real estate in Toronto. So effectively the three partners, John tends to run the brokerage downtown, Simon tends to deal with the investors, and I market projects.

What's your take on the Toronto condo market in the past year?
I see that things really seized up to a large degree last summer. Where there should've been a number of launches, there was a fraction of new launches than what were anticipated. I think the mentality of the public out there was that maybe it's not the right time to buy. The reality is, I don't know why that happened because the fundamentals remain strong, immigration remained strong, interest rates remained low.

Is the market softening for pre-construction? What's happening to prices?
I think it's a return to normal, and I think that projects that would sell in huge, huge volumes in a matter of days or weeks, might be selling similarly in a matter of months. At the end of the day, I think the situation's a very, very good one, but it's definitely not the sort of free-for-all that it was for a number of months. It's a return to normalcy. I think that's important.

What's hot? What are the new neighbourhoods in the GTA we should be looking at?
I think 416 locations with 905 prices are coming into focus. That sometimes means community neighbourhoods, boutique, mid-sized buildings. Roncesvalles, the Queensway, Mimico, St. Clair West. I think some of the 416 locations that aren't A locations, that aren't on Yonge Street, that aren't on the subway, that aren't downtown on major streets. Because they remain in the core, because they're GTA and because they command a different price point than the big, tall towers on the subway with the small units.

John Mehlenbacher, left, and Mark Cohen. THE CONDO STORE

Legal Matters

Water heater chaos

LEGAL MATTERS
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I purchased a home last fall and there was a rental hot water heater in the basement. I assumed that it was a small monthly charge but what I didn't know was that once I started doing some checking around, I could buy a new hot water heater for $100 more than I am paying yearly to rent one from the energy supply company.

When I approached the company they indicated that I could buy the heater, but comparing the cost to a new one, it would be more than three times the amount that I could buy a new one from an independent source.

The rental source will not allow me to discard the existing heater without paying for it, but I didn't install the item; it was the former owner. What should I do?

The first thing you need to do is examine your Agreement of Purchase and Sale to see if one of the terms of the agreement were for you to assume the rental agreement. If that is the case, you are probably stuck with either continuing with the rental (otherwise, the former owner can come after you for the rental amounts) or buying the energy company's heater. A hefty price to pay.

If the contract is silent as to what is going to happen with the water heater, you may be able to work something out that is a compromise. However, be forewarned, the companies that supply this equipment have their bases covered. Give you lawyer a call to see what the status of the contract is.

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SPORTS 4

Leafs' best effort thwarted by Bruins

NHL playoffs. Krejci completes hat trick in overtime as Boston takes stranglehold of series

Leafs goalie James Reimer and captain Dion Phaneuf fall to stop a shot by Bruins centre David Krejci on Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre. Krejci scored a hat trick, including the overtime winner, as Boston took a 3-1 lead in the first-round series with a 4-3 win. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

David Krejci scored his third goal of the night at 13:06 of overtime Wednesday to give the Boston Bruins a 4-3 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs and a commanding 3-1 lead in their playoff series.

Krejci beat James Reimer with a shot from the faceoff circle after coming down the left wing.

The Leafs now face a potentially decisive Game 5 on Friday in Boston, where history and the Bruins are against them.

The Bruins are 15-2 when leading a best-of-seven series 3-1. And Toronto is 2-12-1 in its last 15 games in Boston.

Goalies Tuukka Rask and Reimer were both busy in an end-to-end overtime, with Toronto's Matt Frattin hitting Rask's goalpost some six minutes in.

Joffrey Lupul, Cody Franson and Clarke MacArthur scored for Toronto.

Patrice Bergeron added a single for Boston, with captain Zdeno Chara collecting four assists.

Krejci now has five goals and five assists in the series, combining with linemates Milan Lucic (0-7) and Nathan Horton (3-3) for eight goals and 15 assists.

The Leafs used their speed to great effect and led 2-0 after the first period, only to see the Bruins fight back to take a 3-2 lead in the second before Toronto stopped the slide with a late goal of its own.

Tied 3-3, the game hung in the balance to open the third. It was a crucial period with the Leafs either pulling even in the series or going down 3-1.

Inside the Air Canada Centre, the chant of "Go Leafs Go" started before the anthems. Outside, blue-and-white fans came out early to party in the adjacent Maple Leaf Square.

Lupul gave them something to cheer about on the Leafs' first shot at 2:35. Lupul gave the puck to Phil Kessel who raced around the goal and then fed it back to Lupul, who had enough separation from the Boston defencemen to slap the puck past Rask for his third of the playoffs.

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Game 4

Bruins	Leafs
4	3

Laying it on the line

Game 4 was desperate high-stakes hockey with players putting their bodies on the line.

- Toronto defenceman Mark Fraser, who does not wear a visor, took a Milan Lucic shot to the face with 12 minutes remaining in regulation and headed to the dressing room, leaving a pool of blood on the ice.

NHL playoffs

Rangers even up series with Caps

Dan Girardi and Derek Stepan scored third-period goals for the New York Rangers, who squandered a two-goal lead and then held on to get even in their series with a 4-3 win over the Washington Capitals on Wednesday night.

Girardi ripped a shot from above the left circle, off a feed from Derick Brassard, to give the Rangers the lead again with a power-play goal 59 seconds into the third. The advantage was created by Jason Chimera's interference penalty at the end of the second.

Stepan made it 4-2 at 6:02, scoring into a wide-open net at the end of a give-and-go play in front with Carl Hagelin, who had a goal and two assists.

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NBA playoffs

Heat hand Bulls monumental loss

It was the biggest post-season win in Miami Heat history, and the biggest post-season loss in Chicago Bulls history.

And it might have been worse than that sounds.

Ray Allen scored 21 points in only 19 minutes, LeBron James finished with 19 points and nine assists, and the Heat led by as many as 46 points on the way to a 115-78 win on Wednesday night in Game 2 of their series, now knotted at one game apiece.

The Heat have lost home-court advantage, but the domination of the Bulls made the reigning champs look like the clear-cut favourite in the title race once again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Baseball

Halladay facing shoulder surgery

For Roy Halladay, arthroscopic surgery on his troublesome throwing shoulder became the best-case scenario when he had prepared himself for the worst — a career-ending injury that would force his retirement when he's far from ready.

Halladay will undergo a procedure in his right shoulder to repair a partially torn rotator cuff and remove a bone spur. He also has some fraying of the labrum. He is relieved he won't need reconstructive surgery at this stage.

Even if he returns this year, Halladay figures to miss a substantial part of the season in his contract year. He is earning $20 million US this season.

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Soccer

Coaching legend Sir Alex to retire

During more than a quarter of a century in charge of Manchester United, Alex Ferguson has always found the way to win — and win again.

With his 13th Premier League title and 38th major trophy at United already secured, Ferguson announced Wednesday that he is retiring at the end of the season. Since taking charge at Old Trafford in 1986, Ferguson's trophy collection also includes two Champions League titles, five FA Cups, four League Cups and the 2008 FIFA World Club Cup.

Everton manager David Moyes, a fellow Scot, is the front-runner for the job.

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Blue Jay recalls brush with line drive

Toronto pitcher J.A. Happ is carted off the field after being struck by a line drive on Tuesday night in St. Petersburg, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Toronto pitcher J.A. Happ released from Florida hospital

J.A. Happ says he experienced an "immediate, loud ringing" in his ear when he was hit in the head by a line drive Tuesday night.

The Toronto Blue Jays lefthander was released from hospital on Wednesday after being hit on the left side of his head by a ball off the bat of Desmond Jennings during Tuesday's game against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Happ says he remembers releasing the ball but not seeing it coming back at him. Happ sustained a head bruise and cut to his the left ear. He says he moved out of the way slightly, which likely prevented a more serious injury.

Happ said he also tweaked his knee when he fell.

He was placed on the 15-day disabled list rather than the seven-day concussion DL.

The frightening incident revived questions about whether Major League Baseball is doing enough to protect pitchers, who often find themselves in harm's way on the mound.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) V. NY ISLANDERS (8)
(Series tied 2-2)
Tuesday's result
N.Y. Islanders 6 Pittsburgh 4
Thursday's game
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

MONTREAL (2) VS. OTTAWA (7)
(Ottawa leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Ottawa 3 Montreal 2 (OT)
Thursday's game
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTON (3) V. NY RANGERS (6)
(Washington leads 2-1)
Wednesday's result
Washington at N.Y. Rangers
Friday's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. TORONTO (5)
(Boston leads 2-1)
Wednesday's result
Boston at Toronto
Friday's game
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. MINNESOTA (8)
(Chicago leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Chicago 3 Minnesota 0
Thursday's game
Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

ANAHEIM (2) VS. DETROIT (7)
(Series tied 2-2)
Wednesday's result
Detroit at Anaheim
Friday's game
Anaheim at Detroit, 8 p.m.

VANCOUVER (3) VS. SAN JOSE (6)
(San Jose wins 4-0)
Tuesday's result
San Jose 4 Vancouver 3 (OT)
Sunday's result
San Jose 5 Vancouver 2

ST. LOUIS (4) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)
(Series tied 2-2)
Wednesday's result
Los Angeles at St. Louis
Friday's game
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS. CHICAGO (5)
(Chicago leads 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Chicago at Miami
Friday's game
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.

NEW YORK (2) VS. INDIANA (3)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
New York 105 Indiana 79
Saturday's game
New York at Indiana, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) V. MEMPHIS (5)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
Memphis 99, Oklahoma City 93
Saturday's game
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 5 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (2) V. GOLDEN STATE (6)
(San Antonio leads series 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Golden State at San Antonio
Friday's game
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Wednesday's results
Houston at D.C.
Montreal at New York
Salt Lake at New England
Seattle at Kansas City
Portland at Dallas
Toronto at San Jose

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Manchester City 1 West Brom 0
Swansea 3 Wigan 2

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	21	12	.636	—
Baltimore	20	13	.606	1
New York	18	13	.581	2
Tampa Bay	14	18	.438	6½
Toronto	13	21	.382	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	19	11	.633	—
Kansas City	17	12	.586	1½
Cleveland	16	14	.533	3
Minnesota	14	15	.483	4½
Chicago	13	18	.419	6½

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	20	13	.606	—
Oakland	18	16	.529	2½
Seattle	16	19	.457	5
Los Angeles	11	21	.344	8½
Houston	9	24	.273	11

Wednesday's results
Kansas City at Baltimore
Oakland at Cleveland
Minnesota at Boston
Toronto at Tampa Bay
L.A. Angels at Houston
Thursday's games — All times Eastern
Oakland (Colon 3-1) at Cleveland (Kazmir 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 4-0) at Baltimore (Garcia 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Correia 3-2) at Boston (Lackey 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 2-5) at Tampa Bay (Price 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Vargas 1-3) at Houston (Harrell 3-3), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Atlanta 7 Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 5 Chicago Cubs 4
San Diego 1 Miami 0
San Francisco 4 Philadelphia 3 (10)
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers
INTERLEAGUE
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The only obstacles you will face today are ones you create for yourself — so don't create any. Whatever you are doing, just take your time. What's the rush? Slow down and smell the flowers along the way.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You know what you want, you know how to get it and no force on Earth is going to stop you. With that kind of determination you are sure to accomplish some remarkable things over the next few days.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Why can't you just accept that people are different and see things in different ways? The message of the stars today is that your time and energy are precious — don't waste them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone seems to believe that you are weak and that you would rather give in than fight for your rights. It is essential that you set the record straight. Stand up to their bullying ways.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There could be an emotional scene today, but you cannot allow your feelings to overpower common sense. Someone has got to think logically and it looks like that someone is you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can spend your life worrying about things that may never happen. Or you can push your doubts to one side and devote your time and energy to having a good time.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Cosmic activity in the wealth area of your chart means you would be wise to resist any urge to spend money for the sake of it. Aim to end the week with more cash in your pocket than when you started.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Tomorrow's eclipse in Taurus, your opposite sign, marks the halfway point of your solar year. It's a good time to look back at the past six months. What have you accomplished? Where can you improve?

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to face facts, both in your personal life and at work. Something you once had high hopes for is not working out the way you intended and you must change it or forget it.

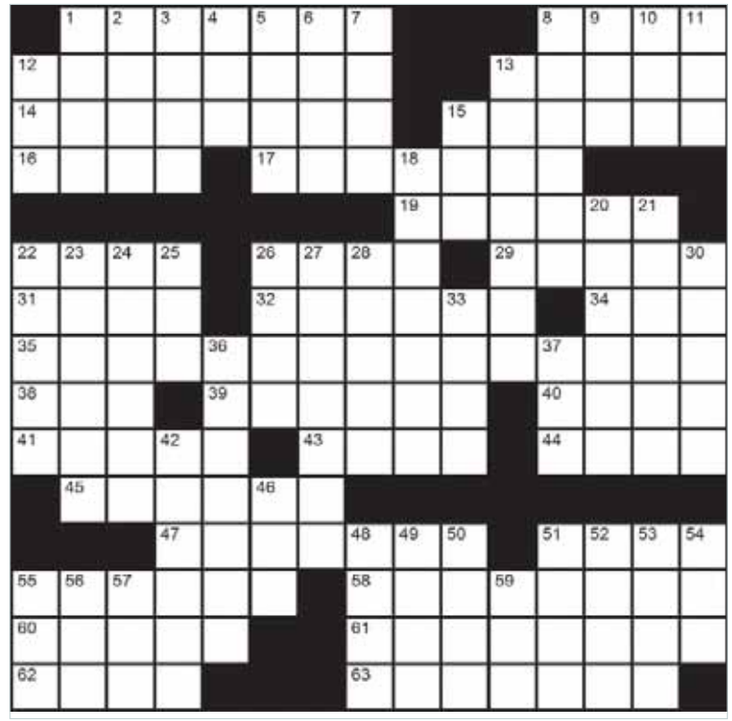
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not want to push yourself to the front but from the look of your solar chart, you have little choice in the matter. Someone needs to take the lead and few people are more qualified than you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone is stirring up trouble just to see how you will react. You can resist the urge to rise to the bait or you can pretend to be really annoyed and give them hell. It could be lively.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Every now and then the pressure builds up to such an extent that you need to find ways to let off steam. The trick is to do so in constructive ways. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

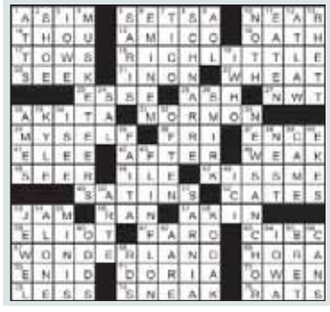
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. May 9th to 12th, 1885: Battle of __ (North-West Rebellion conflict, fought in Saskatchewan)
8. Shipshape
12. Retro photo
13. Scorch
14. Anne Murray hit
15. 1985 Ron Howard directed flick
16. 'Clement' completers (Juicy fruits)
17. Stephen __ (Canadian author of Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town)
19. TV weatherman Al's surnamesakes
22. Hertz rival
26. "Old man look __ __ life..." - Neil Young
29. Make really happy
31. __ __ put into other words...
32. Scram: 2 wds.
34. Fido's doc
35. Yuk Yuk's performer: 2 wds.
38. Seafood, to some
39. Season the fries again
40. Wing ___ prayer
41. "Survivor" team
43. Cartoon fight sound effects
44. Actress Susan, and others
45. Deli selection
47. Imitate
51. Single-named supermodel
55. Attired, Caesar-style
58. Los Angeles, colloquially: 3 wds.
60. Swashbuckler's prop
61. Andrea Martin character, Edith __
62. Gambit
63. Chosen, in sports: 3 wds.

Down
1. German city
2. Hand cream ingredient
3. Some marbles
4. Globe
5. Spiral shape
6. "Spenser: For __" ('80s series)
7. Norse epic
8. Sudbury stuff
9. Antacid brand
10. "It's ___." (Greenlight giver's comment)
11. Perfect rating, spelled-out
12. Series Dan Aykroyd hosted, "__ Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal"
13. __ salmon
15. Pigeon's patter
18. Farley Mowat book, Never __ __
20. Valley
21. Unwavering
22. Plus
23. Politician pickers
24. Roma's realm
25. "__ of the Mask"
26. Flu symptom
27. Gardener's purchase
28. Robert Mitchum/Jane Russell movie of 1952
30. Belonging to Sicily's volcano
33. Li'l quantities
36. Imagined
37. Common sitcom role
42. __-eyed
46. Spa mask ingredient
48. Purina rival
49. Mountain lake
50. Charles Lamb's pen name
51. Ms. Sommer
52. __ fide (In bad faith)
53. Memory: Prefix
54. 'Com' completer (Funny flick)
55. Tea party utens.
56. Bird of Minerva
57. Doubled word with Dolls (Rock band)
59. Play part

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

			8		4			
	6						1	
2	3	5				6	4	8
		7	9		6	8		
1								5
		6	4		5	1		
7	8	4				2	3	1
	5						9	
			7		2			

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	6	2	7	5	8	9	1	4
4	9	8	3	2	1	5	6	7
1	5	7	4	9	6	3	8	2
7	8	3	6	1	9	2	4	5
6	2	4	5	8	7	1	9	3
9	1	5	2	3	4	6	7	8
2	7	9	8	6	3	4	5	1
5	4	6	1	7	2	8	3	9
8	3	1	9	4	5	7	2	6

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